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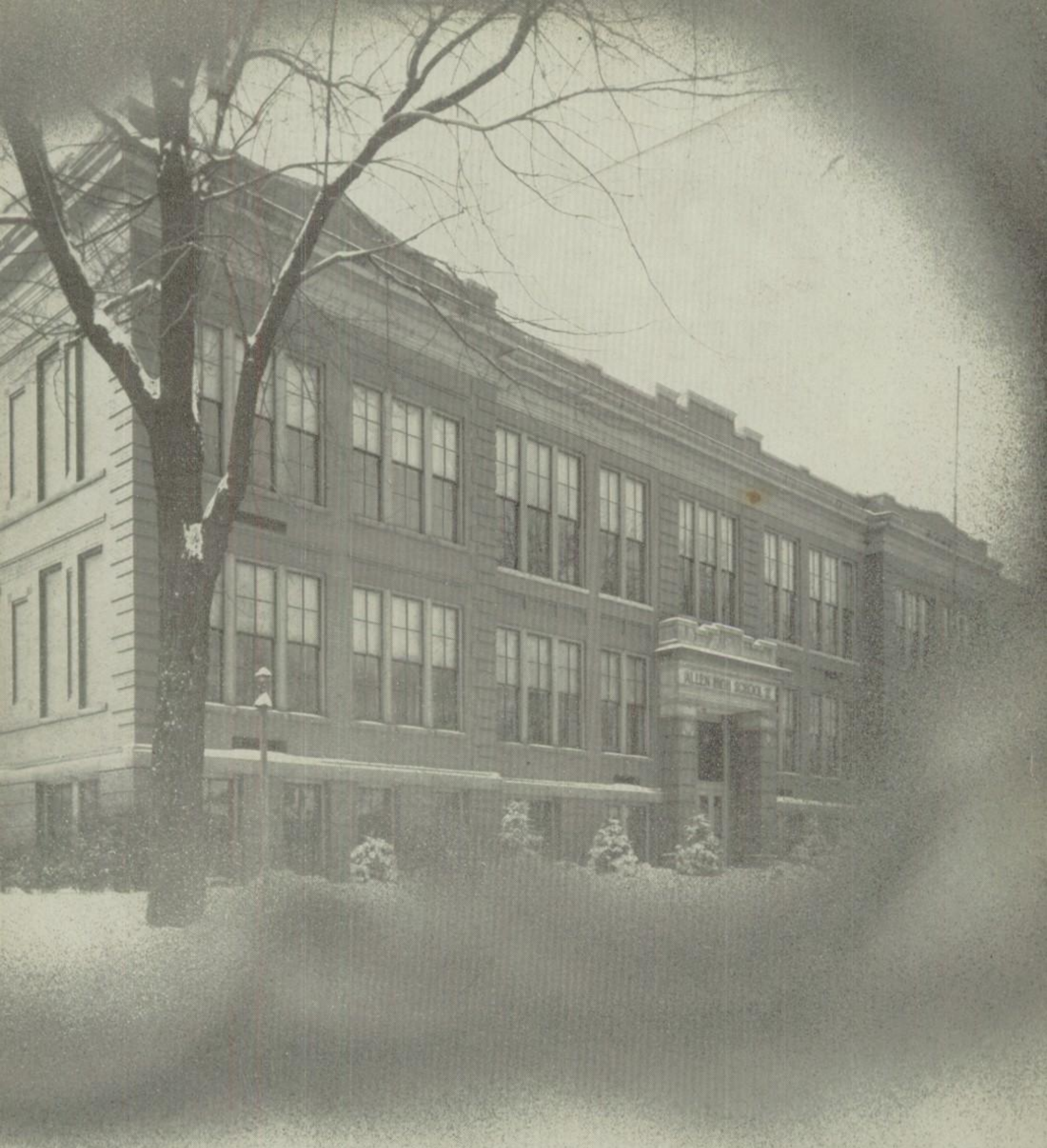

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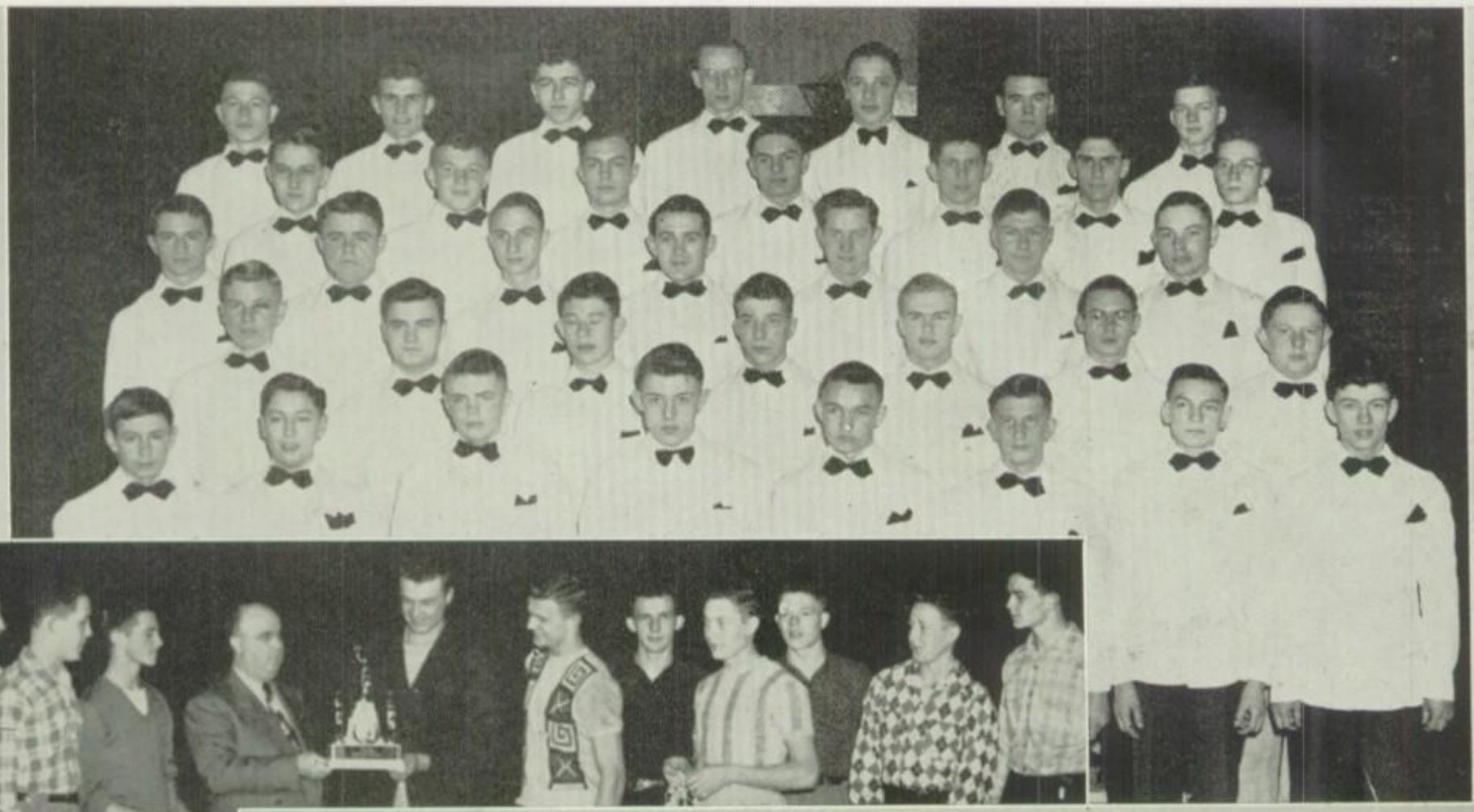

we studied and planned and we

and eventful years . . .

Foreword

Remember? How can we ever forget? Even if we could, would we want to forget the highlights of our high school career: those classrooms filled with activity, those delightful dances in the gym after the football and basketball games, the class plays, receptions and banquets? Pupils in school, knowing that tomorrow soon comes, cling to lasting memories which we have tried to preserve here in this, our 1950 RETROSPECT.

Opposite page: (top) Hi-Y Chorus; (Center left) Holiday Tourney Trophy presentation to the school; (Center right) Members of the N.E.I.C. 1949 Football team; (Lower right) Off in the "Spirit of '50"; (Above) WOWO Junior Town Meeting on the Air; (left) A typical way to study.

Yes we remember . . .

Left: After convocation rush.

Seniors superintend class elections.

Our "Stardusters" giving out with rhythm.

Y-Teen "Best Beau" banquet.

We were all given an opportunity to learn to drive safely.

Our class president presented the golden key to the class of '51.

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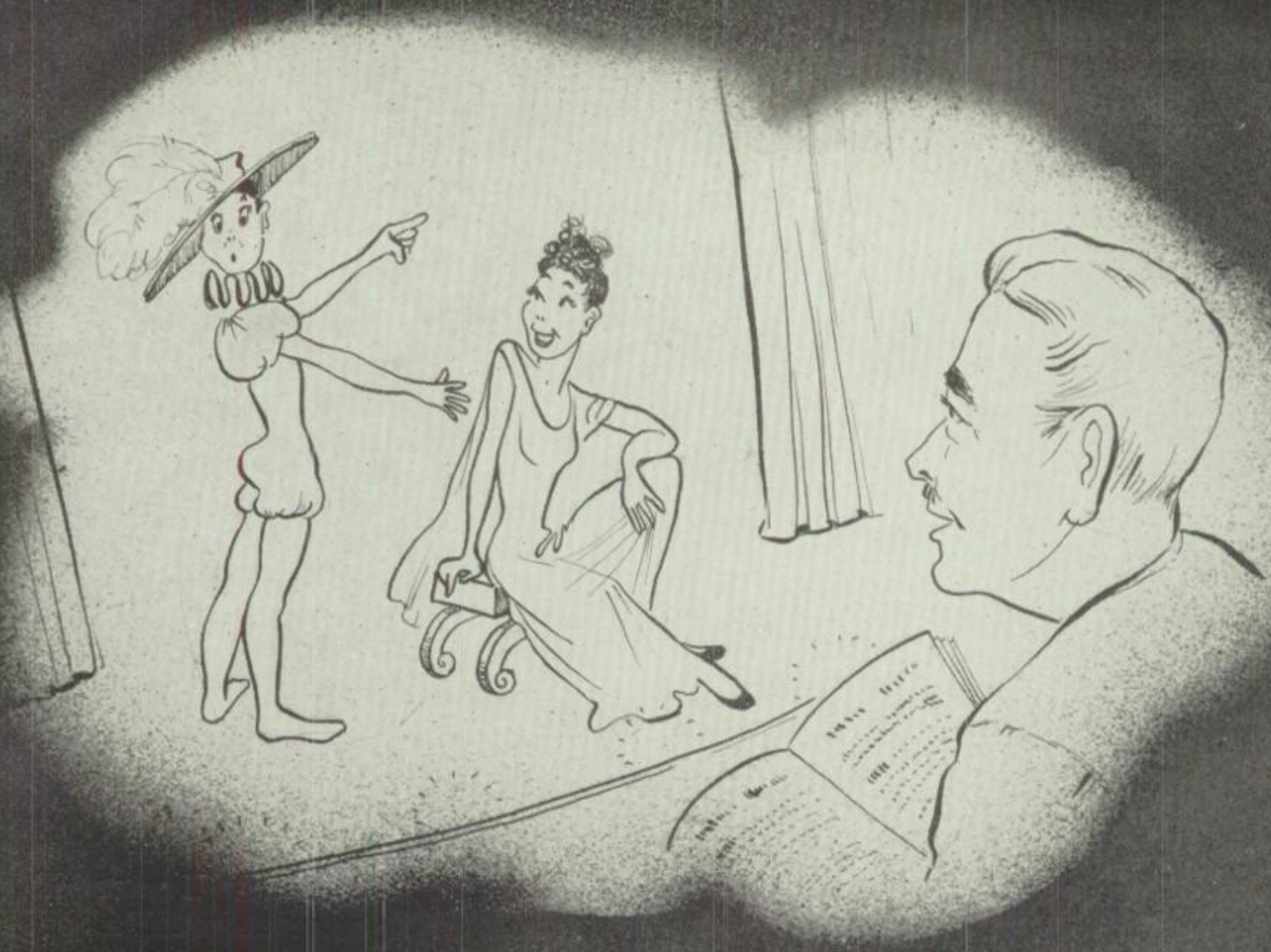


Board of Education

By keeping up with the needs of his own two children, Mr. Edris has become accustomed to the wants of the average American student and today as treasurer of our school board tries to set up a happy medium between our wants and our needs.

Presiding over a board of education is not too difficult for Doctor Brickley after he presided over two sons and a daughter. Since he represents the students of B.H.S. we are glad he has had this experience for he can now better understand us.

Keeping track of records can perhaps be easier than guiding the careers of two attractive daughters. As secretary of the Board, Mr. Markley also keeps on the alert for new ways to improve our high school.

Superintendent

We shall always remember Mr. Willey our superintendent as the leader of our city schools. He works incessantly to promote his ideals for the Bluffton city schools, and especially for Allen High. He spares no effort in seeing that we receive the best education possible. Because of Mr. Willey's careful management, we shall always be proud to claim Allen High as our Alma Mater.

Phyllis Gerber, his quiet and dependable secretary, keeps a meticulous record of all the business happenings in our high school.

Principal

Remember how Mr. Park, our devoted principal, even in his busiest moments, always found time to answer our questions and listen to our problems? We shall not forget that he was a true friend to every high-school student. He surpasses in the organization of every detail in our school life and activities.

We shall also remember the smiling countenance of Joan Sills, Mr. Park's secretary. Even in this, her first year, she has won a place in the heart of every student.

Remember? Our Teachers

They were thoughtful, they were sympathetic,

Faculty
1950

They were understanding, they were kind,

but at times they were stern and exacting.

ROBERT N. BENNETT—Commerce. Butler University B.M.; Senior Class Sponsor. HOBBY: Farming. LEROY COMPTON—Basketball and Baseball Coach. Butler University B.S.; Assistant Football Coach. HOBBY: Baseball. LESLIE A. DOLD—Social Studies. Butler University, B.S.; Football and Track Coach; Assistant Basketball Coach; Driver Training; Freshman Class Sponsor; HOBBY: Sports. OLIVE GRIMSLEY—Vocal Music. Ball State, B.S.; Director of the Glee Clubs. HOBBY: Oil Painting: JUNE GROVE—Health Education and English. Ball State, B.S.; Junior Class Sponsor; GAA Sponsor; Assistant Director of Class Plays. HOBBY: Collecting Records.

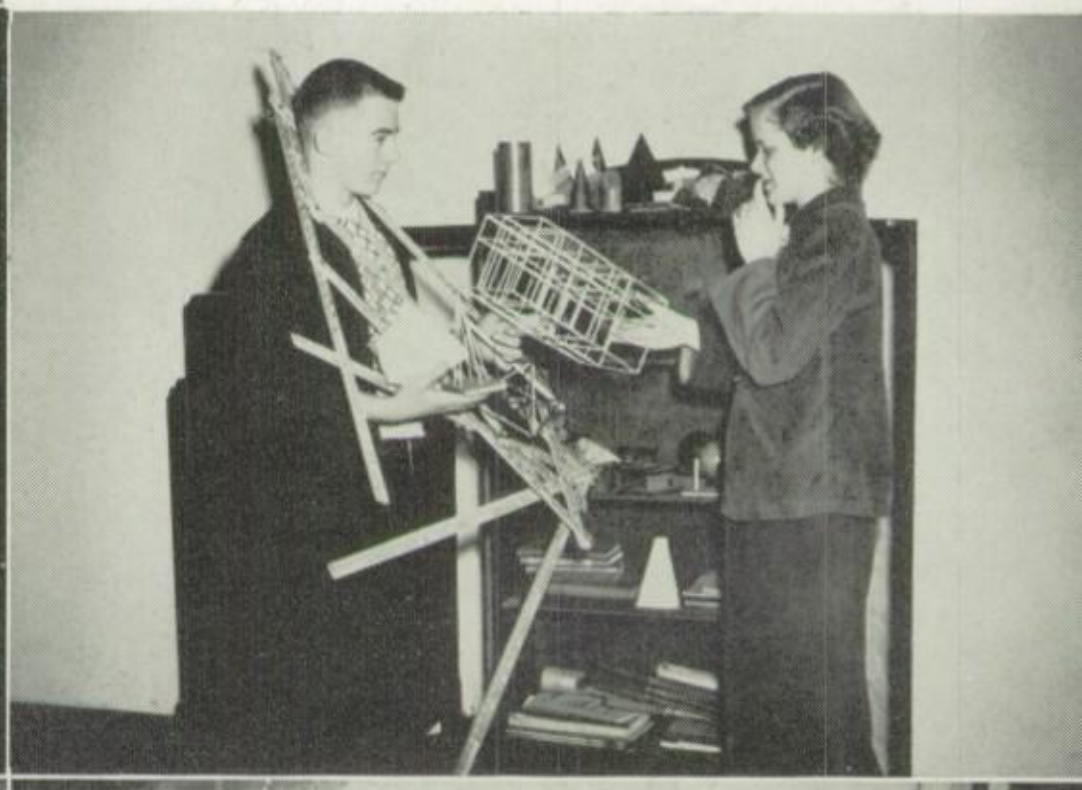
JOHN HAMBLEN—Mathematics. Indiana University, A.B.; Freshman Class Sponsor; Math Club Sponsor, HOBBY: Mathematics. JAQUELINE HUFFMAN—Vocational Home Economics. Purdue University, B.S.; Y-Teen Sponsor; Girls' 4-H Sponsor. HOBBY: Cooking and Eating. BLANCHE KARNS—Latin and English. Indiana University A.B.; Freshman Class Sponsor; Editorial Adviser of the Retrospect; Sponsor of Quill and Scroll; Latin Club Sponsor. HOBBY: Nature Study. JOSEPH F. LARMORE—Industrial Arts. Ball State, B.S.; Sophomore Class Sponsor; Assistant Football Coach. HOBBY: Bird Dogs. EDWIN R. McNOWN—English. Indiana University, A.B.; Class Play Director; Senior Class Sponsor. HOBBY: Collecting Rabbits.

FRED F. PARK—Principal—Mathematics and Science. Ball State, A.B.; Indiana University, M.S.; Adviser of the Comet; Business Adviser of the Retrospect. HOBBY: Reading. MARGARET POWERS—Commerce. DePauw, A.B.; Sponsor of National Honor Society; Senior Class Sponsor. HOBBY: Crossword Puzzles. W. C. RATLIFF—Science. Indiana University, A.B; Ticket Chairman for School Activities; Junior Class Sponsor. HOBBY: Growing Soybeans. J. ROBERT SCHLATTER—Instrumental Music. Indiana University, B.M.; Band Director. HOBBY: Music. MARIE SWISHER—Art. Ball State Teachers College, A.B. HOBBY: Interior Decorating.

L. E. TEMPLIN—Industrial Arts and Driver Training. Manchester, B.S.; Director of Athletics; Sophomore Class Sponsor. HOBBY: Fishing. LLOYD A. ULMER—Social Studies. Ball State, B.S.; Hi-Y Sponsor; Junior Class Sponsor. HOBBY: Gardening. RALPH G. WENTZ—Vocational Agriculture and Driver Training, Safety. Purdue University, B.S.; Boys' 4-H Sponsor; Freshman Class Sponsor. HOBBY: Fishing. DONNA WILKINSON—Librarian. Ball State, B.S.; Assistant Class Play Director. HOBBY: Snapshots.

Remember the

Left (top to bottom): History: Betty McCarty and Ernie Ferguson enjoy the traditional penalty for not putting up the flag. Chemistry: Jim Bachelor and Kay Earhart willingly allow Joyce Tyndall to set up their laboratory experiment for them. Physics: Kenny Hedges and Bob McCarty are deeply engaged in physics experiment while Bill Wile appears interested. Printing: DeWayne Jackson and Jim Dedrick could help, but they would rather watch Jack Hook carefully put the type in place. Above: Civics: Wayne Markley is officially guarding the ballot box from being stuffed by Pat Miller and Jim Hudgins. Below: Mathematics: Jerry Braun tries to lighten his load of geometric figures by giving them to reluctant Nancy Baird. Bottom: Shop: "Is it heavy?" ask Don Gerber and Bill Uptegraft of little Don Athan as he brings in the lumber.



Loads we carried

Above: Bookkeeping: Deni Hefty's irksome look in bookkeeping class escapes Don Meyer but is fully enjoyed by Carol O'Brien. Below: Physical Education: Instead of laughing, I wonder why Mary Lou Watters and Marilyn Maddux don't help Caroline Gass bring the mat and balls into the gym. Bottom: Band: Jerry Waters and Dick Gilliom "beat the drum" but look who is carrying it. Why, it's Barbara Pearson. Right (top to bottom): Agriculture: "Judging farm products isn't all fun," says Dick Ellenberger (center) to Eugene Biberstein and Finley Lane. Home Economics: Cupboard cleaning time is fun for Marcia Williams, Mary Alice Bowman and Janet Knoble, but hard work for Betsy Garrett. Art: Good natured Dick Adams carries all of his art equipment at once; Shirley Malcolm and Charlie Keller enjoy his enthusiasm. Glee: Betty Sprunger, Carol Moser, and Arlene Mattax laughingly look on as librarian, Pat Meade, rescues the Glee packets.

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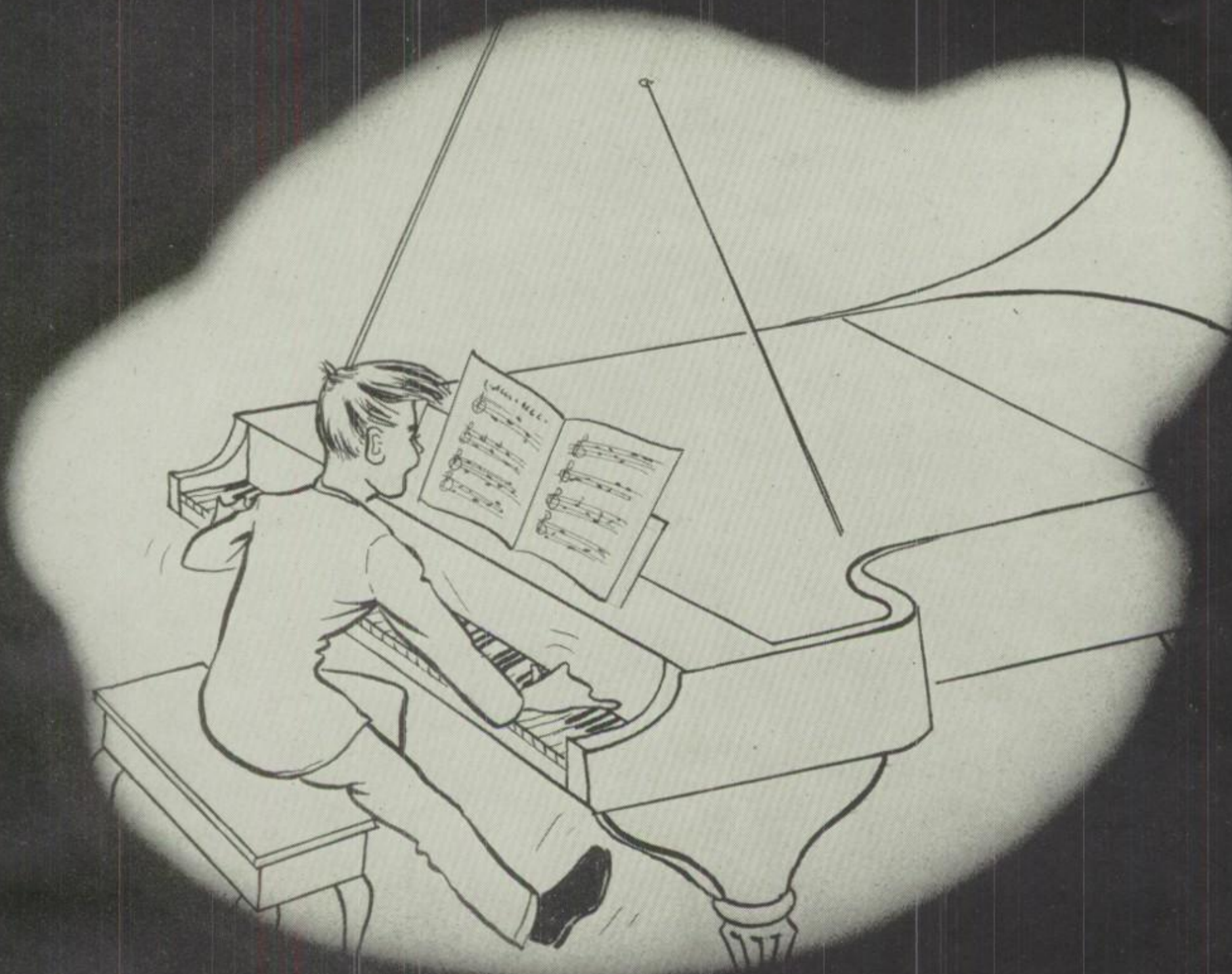
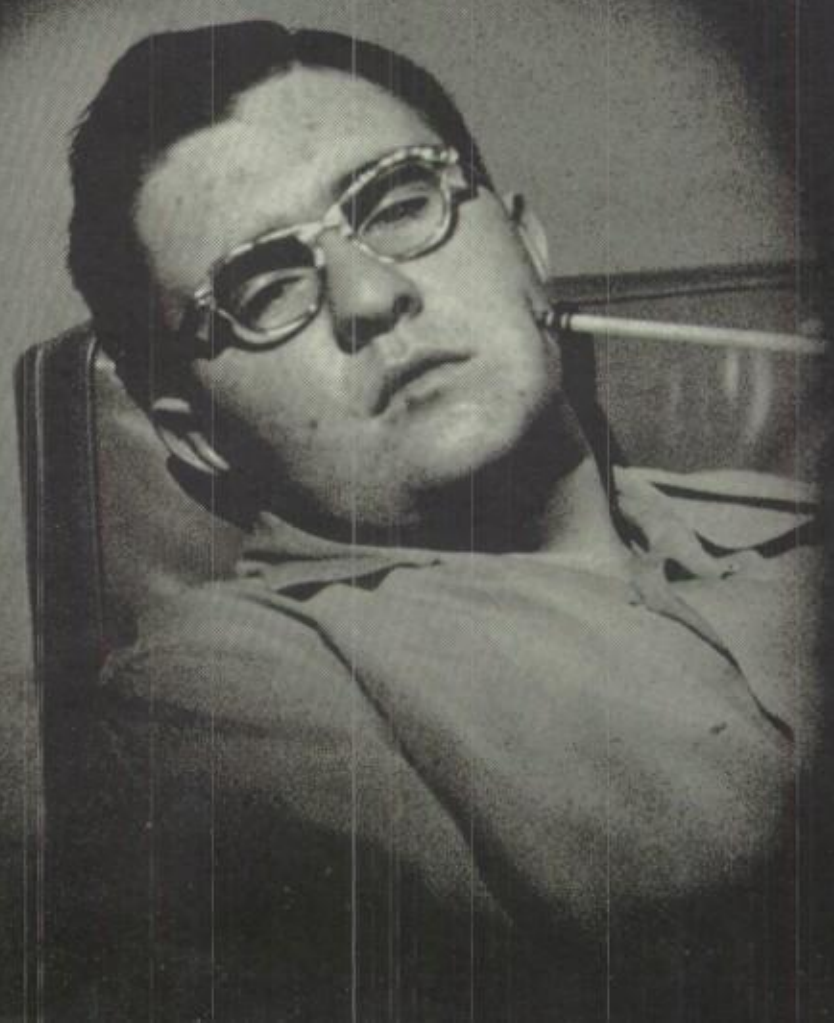
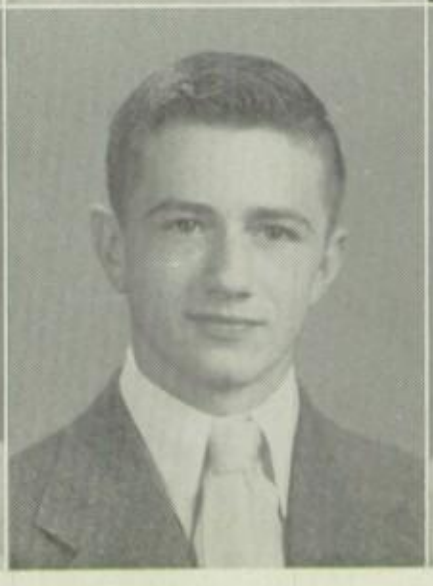





Seniors

RICHARD ADAMS—*"Never serious, solemn, or sad, but just a happy goodnatured lad."*—General; Intramural; Booster Club. BERTHA BETZ—*"Seldom works, seldom worries, never flunks, never hurries."*—Commercial; Y-Teen. MARY ALICE BOWMAN—*"Did as she pleased and went her way, Something different every day."*—General; Y-Teen; Glee; Booster Club. MAX BREWER—*"Friendly and quiet is he indeed, Willing to help in time of need."*—Agricultural; FFA President; Hi-Y Sergeant-at-Arms; Band: Orchestra; Hi-Y Chorus; Retrospect Scribe; Student Council; Senior Rotarian; Basketball; Football; Softball; Intramural; Bob Hannie Memorial; Varsity Club; Agriculture Award; Band Award. JOYCE T. BUCKNER—*"Who knows what fund of thought is hidden there?"*—Academic; Y-Teen; GAA Award; Math Club; Comet; National Honor Society; Junior Play Prompter; Retrospect Scribe; Booster Club.

SHIRLEY CAMP—*"She shall have music wherever she goes."*—Commercial; Y-Teen; GAA Award; Glee Award; Music Festivals; Booster Club. DONNA COLBERT—*"A maiden fair with golden hair, and musical talent rare."*—General; Y-Teen Treasurer; Operetta; GAA; Student Council; National Honor Society: Orchestra; Band Award; Booster Club; JAMES COLEN—*"What a spendthrift he is of his tongue."*—General; Hi-Y; Football; Intramural; Hi-Y Chorus; Booster Club. ROBERT COMPTON—*"His ways are quiet but friendly."*—General; Basketball; Softball. WILLIAM CRANDALL—*"Possibly an actor one day he'll be, As time marches by just wait and see."*—General; H-Y; Hi-Y Chorus; Intramural Captain; Junior Play; Senior Play; Music Festival.

KAY CROSBIE—*"Sometimes carefree, sometimes sad. But in every way a good-natured lad."*—Academic; Class Vice-President 3: Hi-Y Secretary; Math Club; Student Council; Senior Rotarian; Football; Intramural; Varsity Club; Hi-Y Chorus. MAX DANIELS—*"To worry little, to study less, My idea of happiness."*—Academic; Math Club President; Student Council; Football; Intramural; Booster Club. MARTHA DEAM—*"As I go on through life's long walk, I'm just contented to talk, talk, talk."*—Commercial; Y-Teen; Comet; Retrospect Typist; Booster Club. BARBARA DECKER—*"A pretty girl with a ring on her finger, When School is out we'll bet she'll not linger."*—General; Y-Teen; Glee; Operetta; Comet; Booster Club. JAMES DEDRICK—*"Study is such a dreary thing, I wish I knew the remedy."*—General; Football; Intramural.

JOAN EDRIS—*"An effervescing bubble in this world of darkness."*—Academic; Y-Teen; Latin Club; Comet; National Honor Society Secretary-Treasurer; Student Council; Glee Award; Psi Ote Ring; GAA Award; Junior Play; Senior Play; Music Festivals; Book-Store Clerk; Retrospect Feature Editor; Girls' State Representative; Booster Club. RALPH ELLISON—*"To live at ease and not be bound to think."*—General; Intramural. CAROL FAUS—*"Her fingers shame the ivory keys, They dance so lightly along."*—General; Y-Teen; GAA Vice-President and Secretary; Comet; Student Council; 4-H Award; Glee Award· GAA Award; Music Festivals; Booster Club. JOYCE FELTS—*"When pleasure and duty clash, Let duty go to smash"*—General; Y-Teen; Comet; Band Award; GAA Award; Operetta; Booster Club. RICHARD FRENCH—*"Always the same from day to day, A gentleman in every way."*—General; Athletic Council 1; Hi-Y Treasurer; Math Club; Hi-Y Chorus; Baseball Manager; Intramural; Junior Play; Senior Play; Music Festivals; Retrospect Scribe.

BETSY NELL GARRETT—*"That which I am—I am."*—General; Y-Teen; Glee Secretary-Treasurer: Comet; Glee Award; GAA Award; Music Festivals; Booster Club. BARBARA GARTON—*"Her step is music and her voice is song."*—General; Y-Teen; GAA Treasurer; Comet; Glee Award; GAA Award; Senior Play; Music Festival; Booster Club. CAROLINE GASS—*"Hair of gold, eyes of blue, She is good as she is true."*—General; Y-Teen Treasurer; Glee; Judging Award; Music Festivals; Retrospect Typist. GENE GILLIOM—*"A small but mighty football star, He'll be noted near and far."*—Academic; Class President 1; Hi-Y; Math Club; Student Council; Football Captain; Basketball; Softball; Intramural; Varsity Club; Music Festivals; Junior Town Meeting; Baseball; Hi-Y Chorus; Senior Rotarian. PHYLLIS HARMON—*"Happy am I; from care I'm free! Why aren't they all contented like me?"*—Commercial; Y-Teen; Booster Club.

ROBERT HELMS—*"A man of few words."*—General. MARY ANN HERRBERG—*"Ever earnest and quiet is she, Amiable also and nice as can be."* Home Economics; Y-Teen; GAA; Retrospect Feature Editor; 4-H Award; Senior Play; Booster Club. MARY ANNE HEUER—*I'm in earnest; I will not equivocate; and I will be heard."*—Academic; Y-Teen; Latin Club; Quill and Scroll; Retrospect Literary Editor; Glee Award: Music Festivals; Booster Club. JACK HOOK—*"A little bit of folly, a little bit of fun."*—General; Hi-Y; Band; Orchestra; Football; Track; Intramural; Varsity Club; Operetta. JAMES HUDGINS—*"You have traveled to us from many a mile, We wish you had been here all the while."*—Academic; Hi-Y; Band; Transferred from Valparaiso, Indiana in 1949; Intramural; Hi-Y Chorus.

BARBARA HUFFMAN—*"Amiable and polite is she, Always helpful and full of glee."*—Academic; Y-Teen; Latin Club; Comet; Latin Award; Glee Award; GAA Award; Junior Play Promoter; Retrospect Scribe; Booster Club. PEARL MAXINE HUSS—*"Carefree and mischievous as can be, When school is out she'll be glad to be free."*—General; Y-Teen; Latin Club; Glee; Junior Play. DEWAYNE JACKSON—*Know we not what thou mayest be."*—General; Band; Orchestra. SUSIE KING—*"Pretty to walk with, witty to talk with, and pleasant too, to think on."*—Academic; Class Treasurer 2; Y-Teen; Latin Club; Comet; Junior Play; Senior Play; Quill and Scroll; Student Council; National Honor Society; Latin Award; Glee Award; GAA Award; Music Festivals; Junior Town Meeting; DAR Citizenship Award; Retrospect Editor-in-Chief; Booster Club. JANET KNOBLE—*"Ready to eat in 30 seconds."*—General; Y-Teen; Glee; Comet; Operetta; GAA; Booster Club.

DALE KRINN—*"Football, farming, and friends, Variety is the spice of life."*—General; Hi-Y; FFA; Hi-Y Chorus; Football; Track; Intramural Captain; Varsity Club; Agriculture Award; Operetta. ROBERT KYLE—*"A bashful boy with a rare keen mind, A better bowler would be hard to find."*—Academic; Math Club; Student Council; Football; Softball; Intramural Captain; Baseball; Varsity Club. DONALD LOCKWOOD—*"In the classroom, on the court, You'll find him a grand good sport."*—General; FFA; Student Council; Basketball; Track; Varsity Club; Agriculture Award. MARY JO LOUNSBURY—*"Sweet, sincere and serene."*—Academic; Y-Teen; Math Club; Comet; National Honor Society; Glee Award; GAA Award; Senior Play; Retrospect Scribe; Booster Club. MARILYN MADDUX—*"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace."*—Academic; Y-Teen; Glee; Comet; Latin Club; GAA Award; Music Festival; Booster Club.

RICHARD MAGLEY—*"My only books were women's looks, and folly's all they taught me."*—General; Hi-Y; Track; Intramural; Varsity Club. SHIRLEY MALCOM—*"Always there when there is fun, Seldom there when work's to be done."*—General; Y-Teen; Glee; GAA Award; Junior Play; Operetta; Booster Club. WAYNE MARKLEY—*"He makes you laugh, Cuts care in half."*—General; Hi-Y; FFA; Intramural; 4-H Award; Band Award; Operetta. CARL MASON—*"A quiet, hard working fellow who gets results."*—General; FFA Treasurer; Orchestra; Football; Intramural; Agriculture Award; Band Award; Operetta. ARLENE MATTAX—*"Thou hast fury, fire and fun."*—General; Y-Teen; Latin Club; Glee Award; GAA Award; Senior Play; Music Festival; Booster Club.

MARION MECKSTROTH—*"Still water runs deep."*—Academic; Class President 2; Hi-Y Sergeant-at-Arms; Latin Club President; Math Club; Hi-Y Chorus; Student Council; National Honor Society; Senior Rotarian; Basketball; Baseball; Intramural; Varsity Club; Judging Award. WENDELL MERTZ—*"Wendy, a versatile lad is he, sports, music and personality."*—General; Hi-Y Vice-President; Senior Rotarian; Basketball; Football; Track; Softball; Baseball; Band Award; Music Festival. GLORIA MILLER—*"Patience is the necessary ingredient for happiness."*—Academic; Y-Teen; Math Club; Comet; GAA Award; Retrospect Literary Editor; Booster Club. JERRY D. MILLER—*"His life has many a hope and aim."*—Academic; Class President 3 and 4; Hi-Y; Hi-Y Chorus; Junior Play; Senior Play; Student Council; National Honor Society President; Music Festival; Latin Club; Math Club; Band; Orchestra; Senior Rotarian; Speech Contest; Retrospect Scribe. JERRY E. MILLER—*"Clever, witty and wise."*—Academic; Hi-Y; Math Club; Band; Orchestra; Senior Rotarian; Basketball; Football; Track; Softball; Intramural; Baseball; Varsity Club; Junior Play; Music Festival; Hi-Y Chorus; Retrospect Sports Editor.

PATTY LOU MILLER—*"Her modest looks the cottage might adorn, Sweet as a primrose placed beneath a thorn."*—Commercial; Y-Teen Secretary and Vice President; Glee; GAA Award; Retrospect Typist; Booster Club. CAROL MOSER—*"Ready for mischief, this lively lass, Keeps things humming in every class."*—General; Y-Teen; Latin Club; Comet; Glee Award; GAA Award; Junior Play; Senior Play Prompter; Music Festival; Retrospect Scribe; Booster Club. DORIS MOSER—*"Modest, cheerful, full of glee, We wish more girls like her could be."*—Academic; Class Treasurer 3; Y-Teen; Glee President 4; GAA Treasurer 3; Latin Club; Glee Award; GAA Award; Music Festivals; Retrospect Literary Editor; Booster Club. GERALDINE MOUNSEY—*"Marriage is a desperate thing."*—General; Y-teen; Glee; Comet; 4-H Award; GAA Award; Music Festival; Booster Club. ANN MYGRANT—*"Slender and tall, handy with a basketball."*—Commercial; Y-Teen; Booster Club.

STANLEY NASH—*"Endowed with courage, sense* and truth."—Academic; Class Vice-President 1; Math Club; Band; Hi-Y; Student Council; National Honor Society Vice-President; Senior Rotarian; Basketball; Football; Track; Softball; Intramural Captain; Baseball; Varsity Club; Junior Play; Music Festival; Hi-Y Chorus; Retrospect Sports Editor; Junior Town Meeting. DAVE PARK—*"The world shall know me by my grin."*—Academic; Hi-Y; Math Club; Senior Rotarian; Football; Intramural; Varsity Club; Hi-Y Chorus; Retrospect Sports Editor. PATRICIA PETTYJOHN—*"Her hair is not her only attraction. She is a phantom of delight."*—Academic; Class Secretary 1; Y-Teen; Latin Club; Glee Secretary-Treasurer; Comet; Glee Award; Junior Play; Music Festivals; Yell Leader; Senior Play Prompter; Booster Club. SHIRLEY REED—*"A flash of light—a click! It's a camera!"*—General; Y-Teen; Glee Award; Comet; GAA Award; Senior Play; Operetta; Retrospect Snap-Editor; Booster Club. CAROLYN RUDY—*"She takes the breath of men away who gaze upon her unawares."*—Academic; Y-Teen; Latin Club; National Honor Society; Quill and Scroll; Music Festivals; Glee Award; Junior Play; Senior Play! Retrospect Associate Editor; Booster Club.

GEORGE SCHLAGENHAUF—*"With life and all in it, he seems quite content."*—General; Hi-Y; FFA Vice-President; Basketball; Intramural; Varsity Club; Agriculture Award. MARILYN SCHREIBER—*"This pert little miss would be a technician, But journalism would better fit her ambition"*—General; Y-Teen; Comet Editor; Quill and Scroll; Student Council; Glee Award; GAA Award; Junior Play; Senior Play; Music Festival; Retrospect Literary Editor; Junior Town Meeting; Booster Club. BRUCE SHEETS—*"The secret of success is constancy in purpose."*—Academic; Athletic Council 3; Hi-Y; Math Club; Quill and Scroll; National Honor Society; Senior Rotarian; Intramural; 4-H Award. CAROLYN SLIGER—*"May she play the game of life with as much zest and good sportsmanship as she played the game of basketball."* General; Y-Teen; GAA Award; Booster Club. EARLENE SMITH—*"Cheerfulness is the sunny ray of life."*—Commercial; Y-Teen; GAA; Booster Club.

KENT SPEHEGER—*"What do you say? A good fellow he, The kind each one would like to be."*—Academic; Class Vice-President 4; Hi-Y President; Hi-Y Chorus Student Council; National Honor Society President; Senior Rotarian; Basketball; Footbtall; Track; Softball; Intramural Captain; Varsity Club; Junior Play; Music Festival; Retrospect Snap-Editor. BETTY SPRUNGER—*"Persuasive speech, and more persuasive sighs, Silence that speaks, and eloquence of eyes."*—Academic; Class Secretary 2; GAA Secretary and Treasurer 2, 4; Y-Teen; Math Club Vice-President and Secretary; Comet; Student Council; Glee Award; GAA Award; Music Festival; Yell Leader. EVELYN STOLLER—*"Her friends there are many. Her foes are there any?"*—General; Y-Teen; GAA President and Vice-President 2, 4; Latin Club President and Vice-President; Glee Vice-President; Student Council; National Honor Society; Latin Award; GAA Award; Retrospect Snap-Editor; Booster Club. DARRELL STULTZ—*"Thinking is but an idle waste of thought."*—General; FFA; Football; Intramural. DARRELL SUTTON—*"School is a necessary evil."*—General.

PAUL E. SWEENEY—*Looks industrious, but you never tell about these farmers."*—General; Track; Intramural Captain; Judging Award. MADLYN VAN EMON—*"They say red hair is the sign of pluck."*—Commercial; Class Treasurer 4; Y-Teen; Glee; Music Festival; Retrospect Assistant Business Manager; Booster Club. MARY LOU WATTERS—*"A kind, true, heart, A spirit high."*—General; Y-Teen; Comet; GAA Award; Booster Club. MARCIA WILLIAMS—*"Happy-go-lucky, free from care, She ambles along with a jovial air."*—General; Y-Teen; Glee Award; Senior Play; Booster Club. PAULINE J. WILLIAMS—*"Modern maid of stately grace."*—General Y-Teen; Booster Club.

DOROTHY WITZEMAN — *"Study, study, study!"*—Academic; Y-Teen; Latin Club Secretary; Glee Award; 4-H Award; Latin Award; Music Festivals; Booster Club. JAMES WORSTER—*"A veritable Astaire at tripping the light fantastic toe."*—General; Athletic Council 2; Intramural. GERALDINE WORTHMAN—*"Liked here, liked there, liked everywhere."*—Academic; Class Secretary 3, 4; Class Treasurer; Y-Teen President; Student Council Secretary-Treasurer; Latin Club; Glee Award; Comet; GAA Award; Senior Play; Music Festivals; Yell Leader.

Senior History

In September 1946, one hundred and three members of the class of 1950 stood nervously outside the doors of Bluffton High School waiting for the bell to ring. We were "those little freshmen" and, as anyone will admit, we were scared and felt extremely out of place in the mass of students that made up our high school.

Our class was organized that same month when we elected Gene Gilliom, class president; Stan Nash, vice-president; Pat Pettyjohn, secretary; Gerry Worthman, treasurer; and Dick French, athletic council member. We held both of our class parties at the State Forest where we found that our class members were good at entertaining as well as at consuming food.

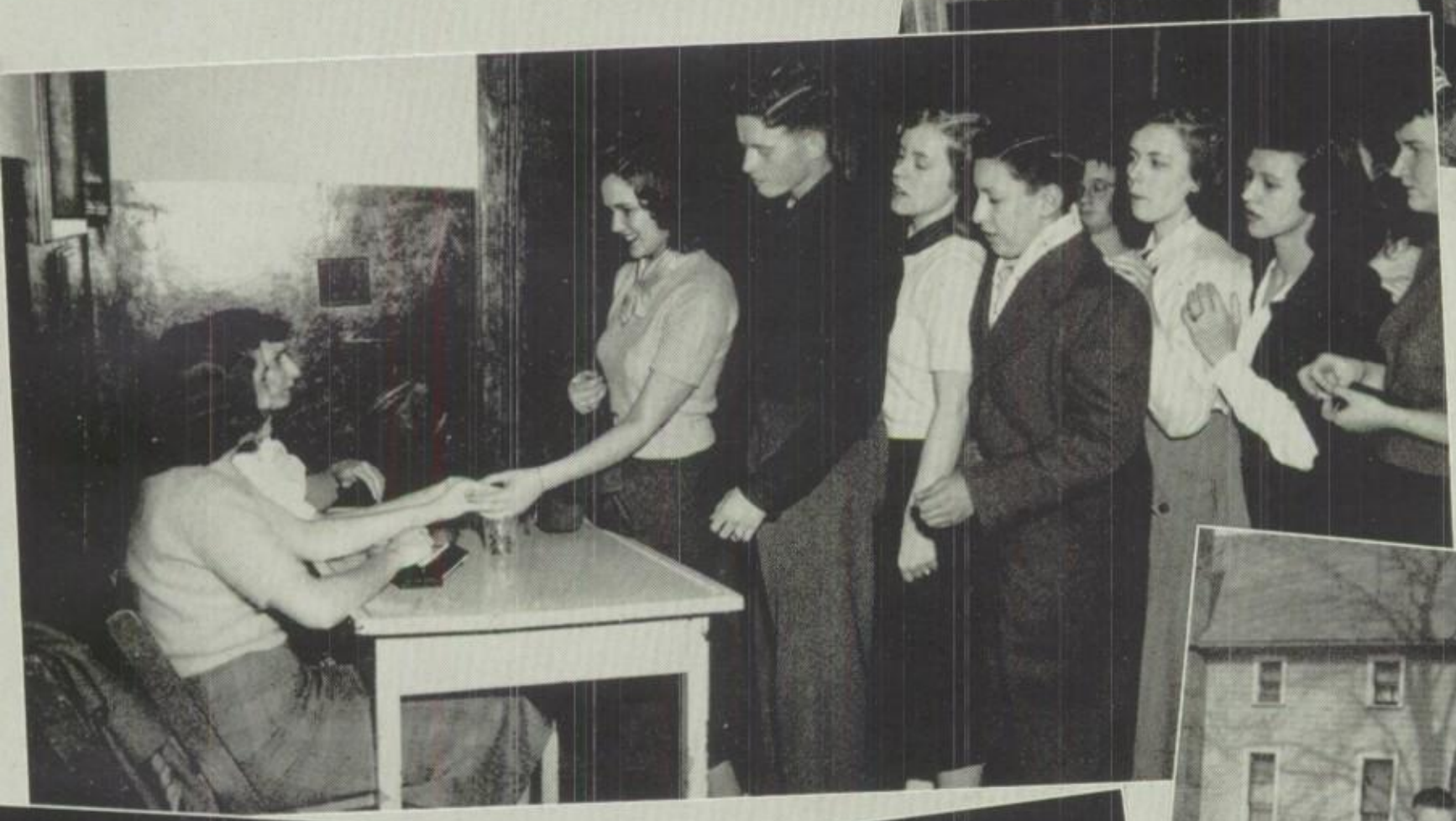
Our "wise" class was ready to begin another successful year and many of us found that membership in Y-Teens and Hi-Y was worth the embarrassment that the informal initiations gave us. Our first class party was a carry-in supper at the State Forest which was complete with a mock wedding and "dizzy" dedications. Along with warm weather came the end of school and our picnic dinner which climaxed our second year of high school.

September 3, 1948 found us beginning the third lap of our journey through high school and we were proud to be known as upper classmen. Fund-raising was a major project that year and the profits from our fall carnival party and from the sale of Tasty Jell made our bank account expand. December the third was our day as far as we juniors were concerned and we never tired of showing our class rings and listening to the "oh's" and "ah's" of everyone who looked at them. In March we learned that it paid to be different, especially after our Charlie Chan mystery, "The House without a Key," was a huge success. In the spring the whole class pitched in to give the seniors an unforgettable reception, and with our rustic, Forty Niner's theme, we believed we succeeded.

As Seniors we were energetic and at once began to bear our resonsibilities as wiser, more mature students. Our class play, "Anne of Green Gables" was a drama that was well received by the audience, and this play managed to more than fulfill its purpose of helping to replenish our depleted treasury. Soon after we began ordering commencement announcements and name cards, and then, before we realized it, it was time for Kid Day and the reception which was strictly for us. With Class Day, Baccalaureate, and Commencement, we realized that our high school life was finished.

We experienced both joy and sorrow at this time: sorrow, because we must part from our school and its pleasant associations; joy, because we have reached this goal. As we go forth into new paths of life, we feel extremely proud of our school and shall strive to carry on the task for which it has prepared us.

Off for a gay time of sleigh riding are (right to left) Kent Speheger, vice-president; Madlyn Van Emon, treasurer; Bruce Sheets, athletic council; Gerry Worthman, secretary; and Jerry D. Miller, president.

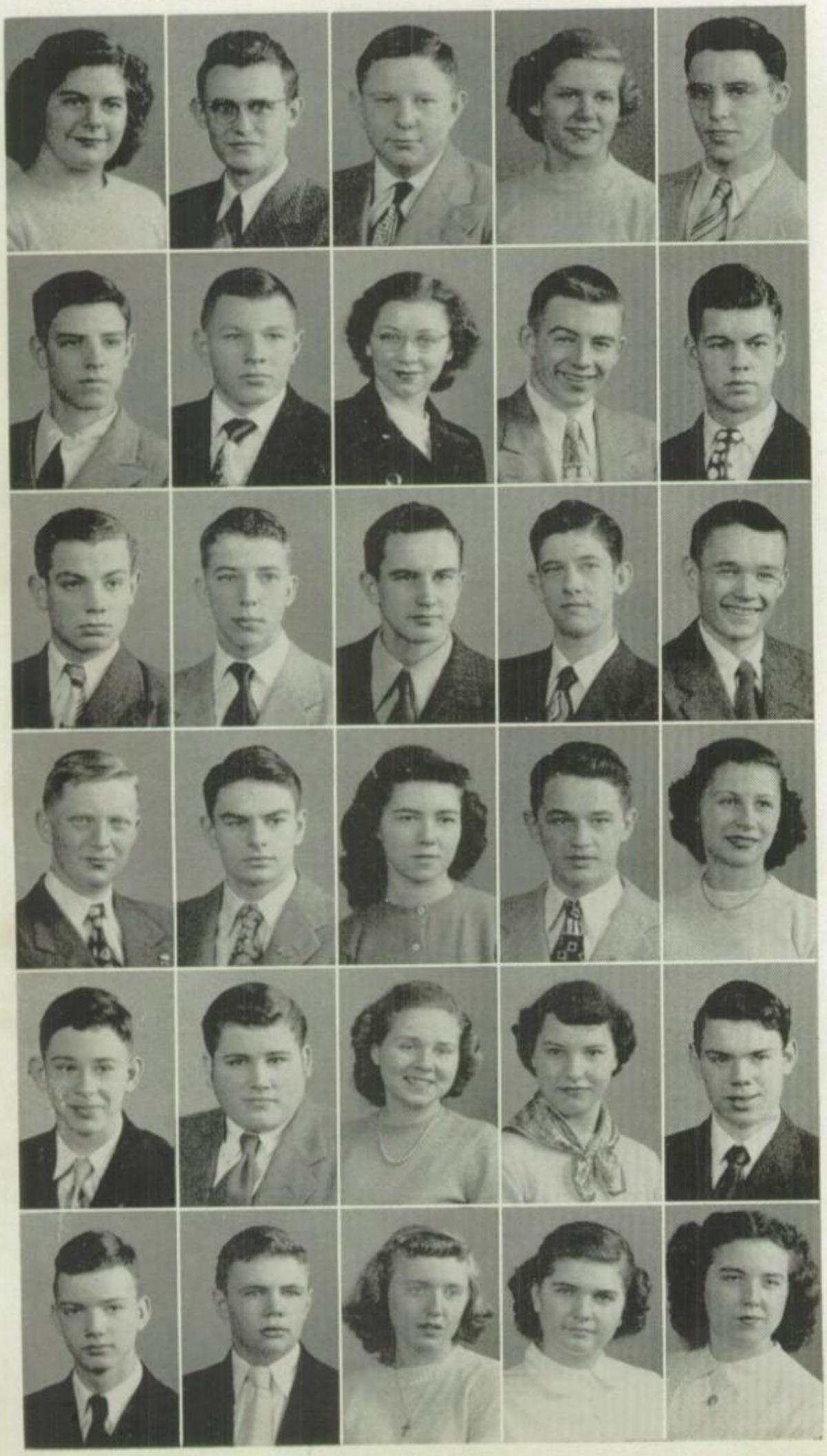


Top: We came to the dance after the game whether we won or lost . . . Gene always has a sense of humor.
Middle: Our faithful ticket takers.
Bottom: Our academy award winners are being made up before their big production . . . Our bowling ace, Bob Kyle . . . a pyramid in the making.

Juniors

We, the Class of "51", began our Junior year by attempting to build up our treasury by selling plastic storage bags. Later our Junior thespians turned the hands of time to future college days for "Mother is a Freshman." We climaxed this busy but extremely exciting year by honoring the Seniors with the traditional reception.

Our class sponsors are Mrs. Grove, Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Ulmer.



Row 1: President, Rem Johnston; vice-president, Jim Meyer; treasurer, Norma Park; secretary, Carol O'Brien; athletic council, Jay Kipfer.

Row 2: Bettie Andrews, Glen Arnold, Jim Bachelor, Nancy Baird, Edward Betz.

Row 3: Homer Betz, Charles Boltin, Barbara Bracht, Jerry Braun, Tom Cobb.

Row 4: Duayne Cobbum, Jim Costello, Kenneth Courtney, Jerry Crandall, Don Croy.

Row 5: George Dunwiddie, Kay Earhart, Ernestine Ferguson, Kenneth Fetters, Glendolyn Fetzner.

Row 6: Jim Fitzpatrick, Robert Gleim, Carolyn Grover, Marilyn Harnish, Bill Harris.

Row 7: Jim Harvey, Kenny Hedges, Deni Hefty, Barbara Herrick, Geraldine Herbst.

Row 1: Janice Houchin, Cynthia Humphrey, Mary Lou Johnson, William Johnson, Marcia Jump.

Row 2: Alberta Keller, Charles Keller, Don Knox, Bill Langle, Carolyn Maddux.

Row 3: Don Meyer, John Meyer, William Moser, Robert Miller, Merrill Myers.

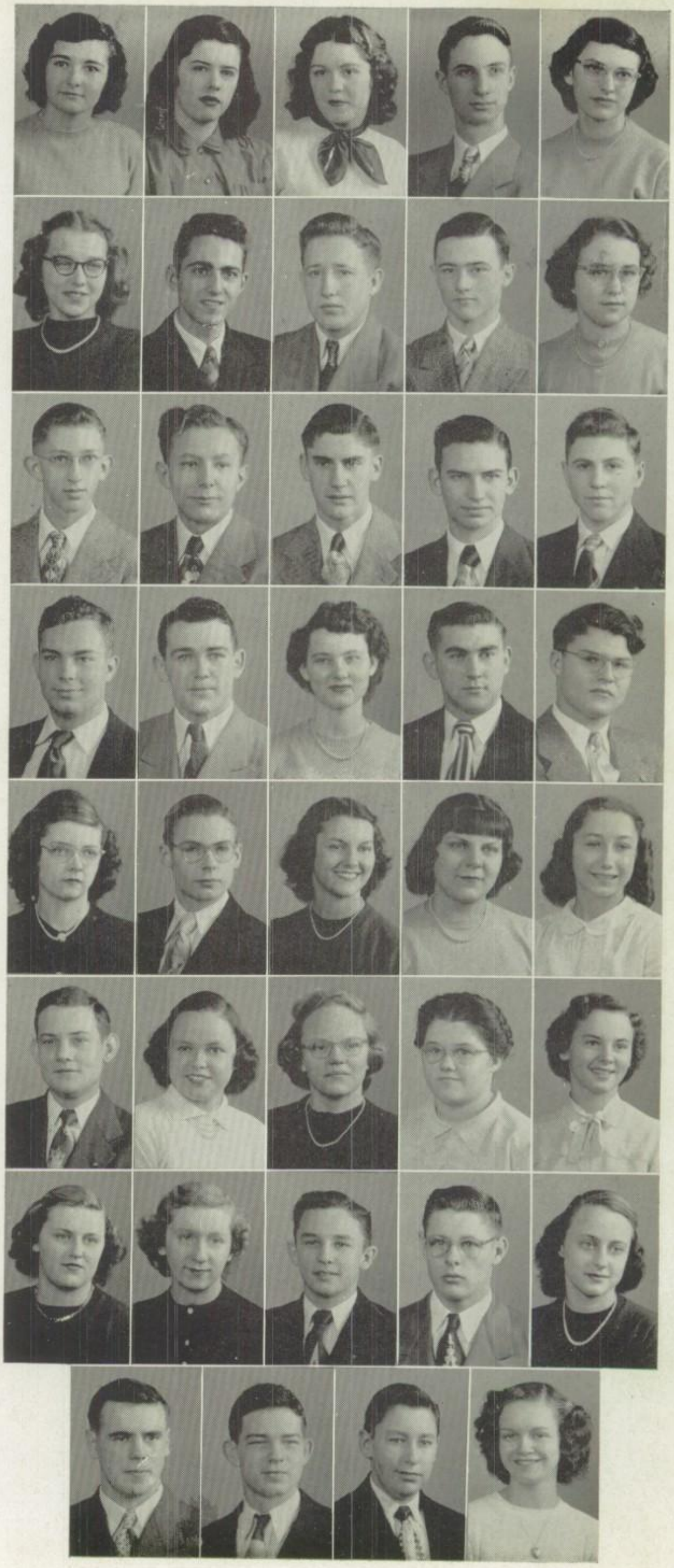
Row 4: Bob McCarty, James Niblick, Carolyn Noonan, Kelly O'Brien, Tom Pfister.

Row 5: Patsy Reber, Arthur Reed, Shirley Reiff, Willadene Shaffer, Rita Somers.

Row 6: Charles Smith, Clara Lou Steele, Sharon Sutton, Evelyn Sweeny, Flossie Steffen.

Row 7: Margaret Toms, Joyce Tyndall, Jack Uptgraft, Jerry Vaughn, Martha Warner.

Row 8: Don Wenger, Richard Worthman, Bill Wile, Doris Wilson.



Sophomores

We Sophomores, true to tradition, had an uneventful year. However, we did start the year right with a class party, which was held at the State Forest lodge and certainly turned out to be a huge success.

Although we did very little to build up our treasury, we hope to increase our finances by our junior and senior plays.

Our officers for the year were: Ned Speheger, president; Diann Brickley, vice-president; Betty McCarty, secretary; Sue Markley, treasurer; Bill Kyle, athletic council.

Miss Karns, Mr. Templin, and Mr. Larmore are the Class sponsors.

Row 1: President, Ned Speheger; vice-president, Diann Brickley; treasurer, Sue Markley; secretary, Betty McCarty; athletic council, Bill Kyle.

Row 2: Bill Arnold, Shirley Arnold, Donnie Athan, John Bercot, Eugene Biberstein.

Row 3: Babette Boswell, Carl Brown, Tom Bulger, Helen Clanin, Garnet Cooper.

Row 4: Margaret Craven, Jerry Croy, Sharon Curry, Margaret Davis, Dick DeArmond.

Row 5: Ann Elston, Dorothy Elzey, Lowell Elzey, Lester Faus, Joyce Fetters.

Row 6: Chad Fornshell, Susan Gallman, Max Gerber, Irene Gilliom, Richard Gilliom.

Row 7: Jim Gregg, Jim Grove, Carolyn Hammond, Russell Hay, Kay Hefty.

Row 1: Ralph Heller, Clara Herrberg, Chad High, Marlene Holloway, Richard Holsinger.

Row 2: Bob Huss, Mary Ingmire, Judy Irish, Ruth Johnson, Hilda Kahn.

Row 3: Doyle Keller, Patty Kiefer, Kay Kilty, Don Kipfer, Jim Kipfer.

Row 4: Junior Kipfer, Bob Kleinknight, Joe Knoble, Janene Lakey, Connie Miller.

Row 5: Jean Miller, Lillian Millington, Mary Jane Minnich, Warren McBride, Richard McFarren.

Row 6: Jerry McKee, Fred Nickel, Bessie Osborn, Richard Osborn, Barbara Pearson.

Row 7: Barbara Phillabaum, Joe Sands, Ted Santon, Kent Shady, Billy Shepard.

Row 8: Nancy Sprague, Jo Anne Stogdill, Jo Ann Terhune, Victor Vore, Jerry Waters.

Row 9: Bob Wolfcale, Tom Woodard, Eva Zook.

Freshmen

Because of their active participation, the 1949-50 edition of freshmen have proved themselves worthy of mention.

We frosh, under the direction of our English teacher, Mrs. Grove, entertained a convocation and afforded a unique program. We "greenies" had our first class party, which was a gala success. A freshmen boys' quartet, "The Wabash Four", has been formed and they have sung on the programs for several organizations.

Row 1: president, Fred Meyer; vice-president, James Cobb; treasurer, Judy Krinn; secretary, Diane Tangeman; athletic council, Jessie Osborn.

Row 2: Ruth Ann Adams, Alvin Bailer, Ivan Bailer, Ninetta Barr, Carolyn Bennett, Esther Betz.

Row 3: Ruth Billingsley, Norman Bisel, John Bowman, Mickey Boyle, Ray Brewer, Richard Brown.

Row 4: Ned Carnall, Ronnie Coffield, Tom Conklin, Phyllis Courtney, Joyce Cupp, Anna Davis.

Row 5: Barbaranell Deam, Jack Dobson, Richard Ellenberger, Bill Ferguson, Delores Ferguson, Alice Ann French.

Roy 6: Carolyn Garrison, Larry Garton, Rita Gass, Richard Bracht, Jerry Collier, Don Gerber.

Row 7: Carl Guldice, David Hammond, Janice Harnish, Carol Heller, Armatha Hook, Darrel Irving.

Row 1: David Irving, Bill Kaehr, Helen Kean, Doris Kleinknight, Joyce Krinn, Judy Krinn, Norma Jean Kummer.

Row 2: Finley Lane, Carol Langel, Tom Lounsbury, Carol Manley, Ann Markley, Cathryn McBride.

Row 3: Patrticia McKinney, Patricia Mead, Rancie Melton, Joan Messick, Norma Miller, Max Milholland.

Row 4: John Muster, Byron Meyers, Kenneth Noonan, Jimmy Oman, Paul Perry, Roberta Poffenberger.

Row 5: Ted Powell, Norma Reid, Fred Reiff, Bill Ross, Roger Roth, Ruby Rothgeb.

Row 6: Jane Thoma, Tom Sawyer, Terry Schott, Shirley Shaffer, Jacqueline Sommers, Ronnie Souder.

Row 7: Tom Stogdill, Jane Ann Swagart, Mary Jane Taylor, Joy Thompson, Mickey Ulmer, Bill Uptgraft.

Row 8: Verna VanEmon, Donna Venis, Don Vore, Barbara Weaver, Tom Welsh, Yvonne Whitman.

Row 9: Johnetta Williams, Mary Lou Williams, Bob Workman, Michael Young.

Remember?

Retrospect

How well we remember the long perplexing hours spent by the members of the editorial staff trying to discover new ideas, poring over the dummy, mounting pictures, writing and re-writing copies—-yes, we remember!

In carrying out our ideals in journalism, we found leadership through the guidance of our editor, Susie King, associate editor, Carolyn Rudy, and our adviser, Miss Karns. Mary Ann Heuer, Doris Moser, Gloria Miller and Marilyn Schreiber made sure the write-ups were full of originality and snap. Joan Edris and Mary Ann Herrberg deserve much credit in carrying through the detail work of our annual and Kent Speheger, Evelyn Stoller, and Shirley Reed worked diligently in procuring the necessary pictures for our yearbook. All the data about our "Athletic Heroes" was superbly written by Dave Park, Jerry Miller, and Stan Nash. The many business problems and trials were efficiently undertaken by Bruce Sheets and Madlyn VanEmon.

In spite of all the hard work, the objective was finally gained and the **1950 RETROSPECT** became a reality.

Top to bottom: Major staff—Bruce Sheets, Susie King, Mary Ann Heuer, Carolyn Rudy. Typist—Donna Colbert, Caroline Gast, Martha Deam, Pat Miller. Literary editors—Marilyn Schreiber, Doris Moser, Gloria Miller. Sports editors—Stan Nash, Dave Park, Jerry Miller.

Top: Snap editors—Kent Speheger, Evelyn Stoller, Shirley Reed.

Bottom: Feature editors—Mary Ann Herrberg, Joan Edris.

Top left—Circulating staff: Joyce Fetters; JoAnn Stogdill, Betty Sprunger, and Shirley Reed.
Top right—Feature Editors: Sharon Sutton, Dianne Brickley, Sue Markley, and Chuck Boltin.
Bottom left—Editor, Rem Johnston, and business manager, Carol Faus.
Bottom right—Sports editors: Kay Earhart, Ned Carnall, David Hammond, and Jim Fitzpatrick.

Comet

The Comet keeps the student body of B. H. S. informed on all past, current and future events. It creates a spirit of co-operation between students and faculty, and gives aspiring journalism students a chance to experiment. Rem Johnston as Editor-in-Chief, tried to reveal the life, activities and humor of the school in an interesting style. The Business Staff, managed by Carol Faus, performed the essential tasks of soliciting ads and distributing the Comet.

Left to right: Carolyn Rudy, Bruce Sheets, Mary Ann Heuer, Susie King, Rem Johnston, and Marilyn Schreiber.

Quill and Scroll

"Strive ever for the best! Be true to your self and to your writing." This is part of the Code of Ethics of the Quill and Scroll.

Membership in Quill and Scroll, the International Honorary Society for high school journalists, is a goal for which every journalism student aims. This organization was founded in 1926 for the purpose of encouraging and rewarding individual achievement in journalism and allied fields. To become eligible for Quill and Scroll, students must be in the upper third of their class in scholarship, must be of at least junior standing, must be recommended by the adviser, and must have done superior work in some phase of journalism.

The initiation service, this year, was held at the home of Carolyn Rudy, and was conducted by Miss Blanche Karns, the sponsor, and Marilyn Schreiber, a member of the society from last year.

The journalists chosen from the Retrospect staff were Susie King, Carolyn Rudy, Mary Ann Heuer, and Bruce Sheets. Rem Johnston was the new member from the Comet Staff.

Officers of Quill and Scroll are: Bruce Sheets, president; Rem Johnston, vice president; and Marilyn Schreiber, scribe.

(Snap)—Enjoying a Quill and Scroll dinner are, left to right, Mary Ann Heuer, Miss Karns, Marilyn Schreiber, Bruce Sheets, Susie King, Carolyn Rudy, and Rem Johnston.

First row: (left to right) Jerry D. Miller, Joanie Edris, Evelyn Stoller, Donna Colbert, Susie King, Joyce Buckner, Carolyn Rudy, Mary Jo Lounsbury, Joyce Tyndall, Sharon Sutton. Second row: Marion Meckstroth, Stan Nash, Jay Kipfer, Jim Fitzpatrick, Kent Speheger, Bruce Sheets.

National Honor Society

As the familiar maroon curtains were drawn slowly back, an unusual silence came over the students of B. H. S. On the open stage we beheld the old members of the National Honor Society. The Seniors and Juniors were especially breathless since it is out of these two classes that the students are tagged for membership. The old members, Evelyn Stoller, Jerry D. Miller, Donna Colbert and Joanie Edris informed us of the aims, purposes, and requirements of the organization. They told us that the members are elected by vote of the faculty, and are from the top third of their class.

The honored twelve were then called to the stage, where they took the oath of the organization and received membership cards and pins. That evening both old and new members enjoyed a get acquainted dinner party at Jerry D. Miller's. At this meeting, new officers were elected. Under the supervision of the Society's sponsor, Miss Powers, the new officers, president, Kent Speheger; vice-president, Stan Nash; secretary, Joyce Tyndall, proved to be worthy leaders of the organization.

To belong to this society is an honor sought by every high-school student. Maintaining the standards of character, scholarship, leadership, and service are ideals for which every member strives.

Learning the game of "Bunco" are (left to right) Susie King, Joanie Edris, Kent Speheger, and Jerry D. Miller.

Upper left (seated): Kenny Hedges, Miss Karns, Bob McCarty, Susie King, Marilyn Maddux, Gerry Worthman, Doris Moser, Arlene Mattax, Barbara Huffman, Carol Moser, Pat Pettyjohn, Carolyn Rudy, Dorothy Witzeman. Standing: Rem Johnston, Joyce Tyndall, Alberta Keller, Joanie Edris, Jim Fitzpatrick, Evelyn Stoller, Jerry D. Miller, and Marion Meckstroth.

Upper right: Hostesses at the Latin dinner are (left to right) Barbara Huffman, Evelyn Stoller, and Dorothy Witzeman.

Latin Club

The "Sodalitas Latina" was organized in January, 1949, by the students of the advanced Latin classes. The club meets one evening out of every month at the home of one of the members. The officers consisting of President (Evelyn Stoller), Vice-President (Alberta Keller), treasurer (Jim Fitzpatrick), secretary (Dorothy Witzeman), and program chairman (Susie King) were chosen by the members of the Virgil Class.

The first meeting of this year was held at the State Forest in honor of Virgil's birthday. According to a tradition established through the years, the members of the club celebrate this day with a steak roast after the fashion of the venison roast held by Aeneas and his followers when stranded in Carthage.

A Christmas party was held in the home of Joanie Edris. Miss Karns explained the connection between the Roman Saturnalia festival and the Christian celebration of Christmas.

On other occasions the members worked Latin crossword puzzles, inspected old Roman coins, and gave special reports on the private life of the Romans.

The Latin Club still uses the same charter written in Scottish script by the class of 1916.

By Barbara Huffman.

Math Club

The Arc of Alpha, now in its second year, has furthered the aims of the club. These are to increase the knowledge of mathematics, to learn to perfect skills in algebra and geometry, to give service to the community and nation, and to understand the importance of mathematics in every one's life. During the year committees of the club spent many hours making models of complicated geometric figures. The main project of the club was making a demonstration size slide rule. This slide rule, made out of three-quarter inch plywood, is seven feet long and nine inches wide with a red lucite indicator. Each scale is two meters long and all markings were burned into the wood. It will be used by the mathematics classes to eliminate much of the pencil and paper work.

The club meets every third Tuesday and discusses various phases of mathematics. The officers of the club are president, Max Daniels; vice-president, Betty Sprunger; secretary, Mary Jo Lounsbury; treasurer, Jim Fitzpatrick; librarian, Jim Niblick, and reporter Chuck Boltin.

By Mary Jo Lounsbury.

First row: (left to right) Bob Kyle, Bruce Sheets; Second row: Norma Park, Stan Nash, Jerry E. Miller, Gene Gilliom, Marion Meckstroth; Third row: Diann Brickley, Joyce Buckner, Kay Crosbie, Dick French, Dave Park, Max Daniels; Fourth row: Mary Jo Lounsbury, Sharon Sutton, Gloria Miller, Jerry D. Miller, Bill Johnson, Jim Harvey, Jim Bachelor, Jerry McKee; Fifth row: Chuck Boltin, Warren McBride, Fred Nickel, Jim Fitzpatrick, Art Reed, Tom Pfister, Jim Meyer; Sixth row: Vic Vore, Dick Gilliom, Mr. Hamblen, Rem Johnston, Jim Niblick, Kay Earhart.

Lower: Studying the fundamentals of the slide rule are (left to right) Max Daniels, Sharon Sutton, Bruce Sheets, and Jim Fitzpatrick.

Left top: Jerry D. Miller, Susie King. Middle: Bill Crandall, Carol Moser, Kent Speheger. Bottom: Dick French, Carolyn Rudy.

Right top: Stan Nash, Pat Pettyjohn. Middle: Joanie Edris, Jerry E. Miller. Bottom: Joanie Edris, Shirley Malcom. Bottom center: Maxine Huss, Marilyn Schreiber.

"House Without a Key"

Total darkness, blood curdling screams, the sound of the surf beating on the sand, the shot of a pistol—all these fill the audience with suspense as the curtain rises on our Junior production "The House without a Key."

With a setting in the beautiful and tropical Honolulu the mystery unfolds to a thrilling climax and then ends as the unforgettable Charlie Chan solves the mysterious murder of Dan Winterslip.

"Anne of Green Gables"

Remember these famous words "Well I can't say as I will and then again I can't say as I won't"? How could we forget? Along with such famous sayings as "if you'd have asked my advice and of course you didn't," we presented our Senior Class Play, Anne of Green Gables. This play proved to be one of the most successful productions ever presented in Bluffton.

Most of our play took place in a charming home called Green Gables. Our heroine, Anne, captured the hearts of the sympathetic audience, while our old and faithful friend Matthew nearly sent them into hysterics.

For the success of both class plays, the "Oscar" goes to our patient coach, Mr. E. R. McNown.

Left—top: Barbara Garton, Mary Ann Herrberg, Shirley Reed, Joanie Edris. Middle: Jerry D. Miller, Barbara Garton, Susie King. Bottom: Marilyn Schreiber, Mary Jo Lounsbury, Susie King.

Right—top: Barbara Garton, Bill Crandall, Arlene Mattax. Middle: Marcia Williams, Gerry Worthman, Bill Crandall, Joanie Edris. Bottom: Marcia Williams, Barbara Garton, Carolyn Rudy.

First row: (left to right) Jack Hook, Gene Gilliom, Doyle Keller, Ted Santon, Russell Hay, Kenny Fetters, Jim Colon, Max Brewer, Stan Nash, Mr. Ulmer, Jerry D. Miller, Chuck Boltin, Bill Johnson, Jack Uptgraft, Jim Niblick, Warren McBride, Bruce Sheets, Wendell Mertz, Dave Park.

Second row: Jerry E. Miller, Marion Meckstroth, Kay Earhart, Kay Crosby, Ned Speheger, Dick Worthman, Fred Nickel, Chad Fornshell, George Schlagenhauf, Dick Gilliom, Jim Hudgins, Kent Speheger, Dale Krinn, Jim Harvey, Dick French, Bill Moser, Bob McCarty.

Third row: Junior Kipfer, Bill Wile, Jerry McKee, Don Croy, Jim Fitzpatrick, Joe Knoble, Bill Crandall, Jim Meyer, Jim Costello, Art Reed, Chad High, Jerry Crandall, Kenny Hedges, Vic Vore, Rem Johnston, Jim Bachelor, Eugene Biberstein, Max Gerber.

Hi-Y

On the night of October 3, 1949, sixteen boys were marched into Room 31 to become members of the Bluffton Hi-Y club. These initiates learned of the Hi-Y standards, clean speech, clean living, clean scholarship, and clean sports.

We have just concluded a very successful and active year with Kent Speheger as our president, Wendell Mertz as vice-president, Kay Earhart as secretary, Jim Fitzpatrick as treasurer, and Max Brewer as sergeant-at-arms. The officers have been greatly aided by our sponsor and adviser, Mr. Ulmer.

We purchased a Bass Clarinet for the band as one of this year's projects. We also sent two officers to the Older Boys' Conference at Marion.

Our chorus participated in the Christmas Cantata and again aided in bringing the "Spring Festival" to a success.

As in past years our club has sold pop, ice cream, and popcorn at the home basketball games. The money earned was used for our projects; for Tuberculosis stamps, for a donation to the polio drive, and for the crippled children.

As our last outstanding event for the year we held our colorful "Best Girl Banquet" at the Baptist church, which was gaily decorated for the occasion.

On May 1, the Senior boys were given a farewell from the rest of the club and parted remembering that the purpose of the Hi-Y club is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community higher standards of Christian character.

By Richard French.

Decorating the annual Hi-Y Christmas tree are, (left to right) Ned Speheger, Fred Nickel, Dick Gilliom and Max Gerber.

Top picture, row one (left to right): Janene Lakey, Caroline Gass, Marilyn Harnish, Carolyn Grover, Janice Houchin, Marcia Jump, Cynthia Humphrey, Ernie Ferguson, Miss Huffman, Shirley Camp, Phyllis Harmon, Bertha Betz, Susan Gallman, Gerry Herbst, Mary Anne Herberg, Joyce Felts, Donna Colbert.

Row two: Alberta Keller, Patty Kiefer, Babette Boswell, Irene Gilliom, Judy Irish, Barbara Herrick, Mary Alice Bowman, Carolyn Hammond, Joyce Buckner, Diann Brickley, Barbara Garton, Barbara Huffman, Barbara Decker, Janet Knoble, Joyce Fetters, Nancy Baird.

Row Three: Ann Elston, Clara Jane Herrberg, Mary Jo Lounsbury, Joanie Edris, Barbara Bracht, Mary Lou Johnson, Peggy Craven, Hilda Kahn, Sharon Curry, Deni Hefty, Glendolyn Fetzner, Carol Faus, Betsy Garrett, Martha Deam, Mary Ingmire, Marlene Holloway.

Bottom picture, row one: Doris Wilson, Connie Miller, Kay Hefty, Eva Zook, Sharon Sutton, Jean Miller, Nancy Sprague, Jo Ann Stogdill, Betty McCarty, Sue Markley, Betty Sprunger, Doris Moser, Gerry Mounsey, Madlyn Van Emon, Mary Lou Watters, Marilyn Schreiber.

Row two: Carolyn Rudy, Carolyn Sliger, Patsy Reber, Ann Mygrant, Willadene Shaffer, Mary Anne Heuer, Patty Pettyjohn, Gerry Worthman, Susie King, Evelyn Stoller, Arlene Mattax, Marilyn Maddux, Shirley Malcolm, Carol Moser, Gloria Miller, Shirley Reiff.

Row three: Barbara Pearson, Mary Jane Minnich, Shirley Reed, Rita Sommers, Clara Lou Steele, Dorothy Witzeman, Marcia Williams, Pauline Williams, Earlene Smith, Carolyn Maddux, Carol O'Brien, Margaret Toms, Martha Warner, Norma Park, Joyce Tyndall.

Decorating the gym for the Y-Teen banquet are Barbara Decker, Martha Warner, Joyce Felts, and Cynthia Humphrey.

Y-Teens

Y-teen began its activities this year with an impressive formal initiation at the Presbyterian church. After the initiatory events were completed, a variety of programs and activities were arranged. On an icy, snowy night in January we entertained our best beaus "On a Slow Boat to China."

In the spring our mothers were guests at the traditional Mother and Daughter tea. Here the 1949-50 officers, Gerry Worthman, president; Joyce Tyndall, vice-president; Donna Colbert, treasurer; and Mary Jane Minnich, secretary, welcomed next year's officers and expressed our sincere thanks to Miss Huffman for her devoted sponsorship.

By Joyce Buckner.

Student Council

Distributing programs on the first day of school are Gerry Worthman, Stan Nash, Max Brewer. Standing (left to right) are Cynthia Humphrey, Alberta Keller, Evelyn Stoller, and Don Lockwood.

Much credit should be given to the Student Council for the smooth and orderly way by which students obtained their program cards and locker assignments the first day of school last September.

The members consist of a student from each home room, presidents of the Hi-Y, Y-teens, National Honor Society, Girls' Athletic Association, editors of the Retrospect and the Comet, and the presidents of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes.

One of the projects of the Council has been to solicit for ads for the basketball and football game programs. The purpose of this organization is to create an understanding between the faculty and the students.

At their first meeting new officers were elected. They are president, Stan Nash; vice-president, Max Brewer; and secretary-treasurer, Geraldine Worthman.

Seated (left to right) Darrel Irving, Fred Reiff, Jim Gregg, Jay Kipfer, Betty Sprunger, Susie King, Rem Johnston, Carol Faus, Max Brewer, Donna Colbert, Chad Fornshell, Alberta Keller, Vic Vore, Rita Gass, Evelyn Stoller, Gerry Worthman, Jerry D. Miller, Max Daniels.

Standing: Fred Meyer, Jerry Braun, Don Wenger, Don Lockwood, Kent Speheger, and Stan Nash.

Seated (left to right): George Schlagenhauf, Don Lockwood, Tom Pfister, Jay Kipfer, Don Wenger, Mr. Wentz, Merrill Myers, Bill Langel, George Dunwiddie, Darrell Stultz, Dale Krinn.

Standing: Eugene Biberstein, Carl Mason, Paul Sweeney, Don Athan, Ray Brewer, Byron Myers, Carl Guldice, John Bercot, Bill Ferguson, Dick Ellenberger, Max Milholland, Finley Lane, Dick Gleim, and Duayne Cobbum.

Future Farmers of America

The Bluffton F.F.A. Chapter was reorganized in January, 1949 by the vocational agriculture teacher, Mr. R. G. Wentz, and the agriculture students who constitute its active membership.

The purpose of the F.F.A. is to develop agriculture leadership, cooperation, and citizenship among the members.

In carrying out last year's plans, these boys farmed the twenty-seven acres, which they had rented, and produced a bumper crop of corn and beans. For recreation the future farmers organized a softball team with the 4-H Club. For a community service they solicited for the USO in Harrison Township. The chapter is planning to increase their acreage to forty acres next year. Plans for a gilt project are also under way.

The leadership, cooperation, and citizenship which are developed with this training will make worth-while Future Farmers of America.

The officers for the year are: president, Don Wenger; vice-president, Merrill Myers; secretary, Jay Kipfer; treasurer, Bill Langel; reporter, Tom Pfister; conductor, George Dunwiddie; asst. conductor, Don Athan.

By Max Brewer.

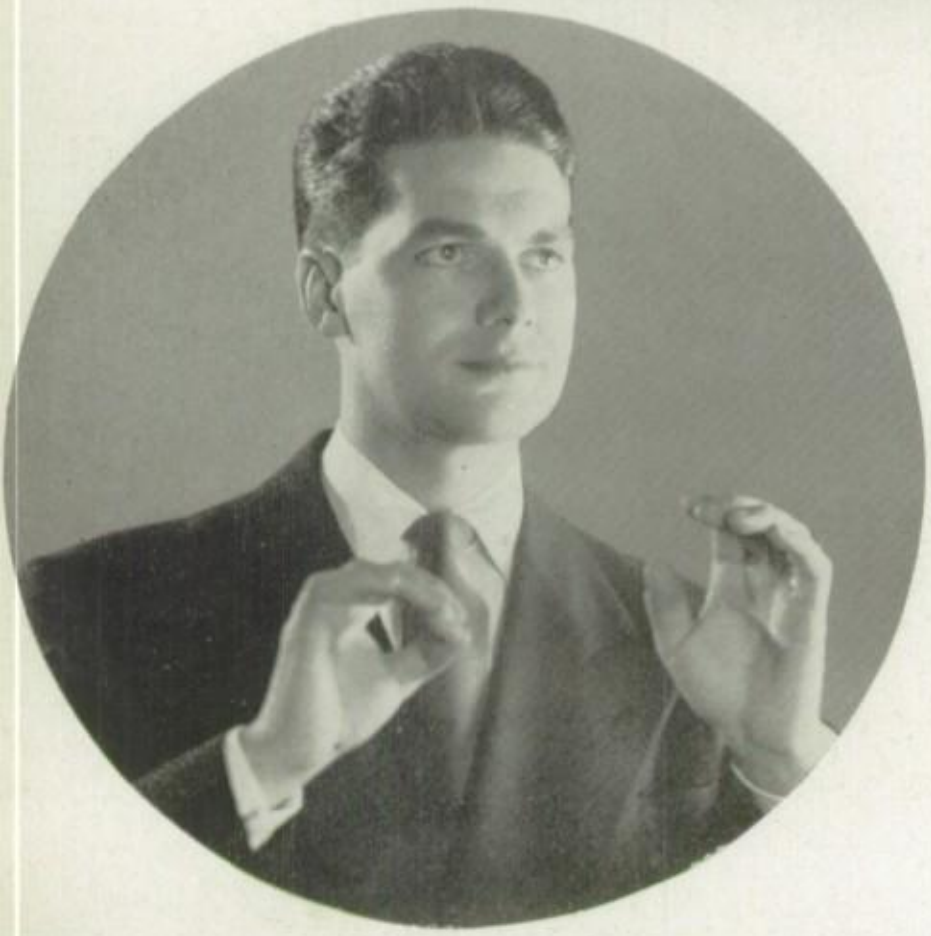
A realistic view of Future Farmers of America at work in the field.

First row: (left to right) Donna Colbert, Ernie Ferguson, Joyce Fetters.

Second row (left to right) Chuck Boltin, Mary Lou Johnson, Margaret Davis, Susan Gallman, Norma Miller, David Irving.

Third row: (left to right) Clara Jane Herrberg, Janice Harnish, Judy Krinn, Roberta Poffenberger, Anna Beth Davis, Jim Niblick, Art Reed, Bill Wile, Jean Fetzner, Jim Bachelor.

Fourth row: (left to right) Jim Harvey, DeWayne Jackson, Jerry McKee, Michael Young, Ned Carnall, Kent Shady, Kenneth Noonan.



DIRECTOR

Our band director, Mr. Robert Schlatter, looks like the maestro himself, doesn't he? Because of his individual interest and his knowledge of the technical points of directing, the band has gained much distinction.

Band

Yes, this is our "fifty" in '50 band.

The fifty members of our band are under the directorship of Mr. Schlatter. Early in the year we chose our officers, Jim Niblick, president and student director; Art Reed; vice-president; Ernie Ferguson, secretary-treasurer; and Joyce Felts and Mary Lou Johnson, librarians.

With the assistance of our drum majorette, Joyce Felts, our marching band presented to us many spectacular performances at our football games. At the basketball games our band furnished feature numbers combined with the yells which added zest to the Booster Club. Our band was active in the pa-

First row: (left to right) Arlene Sowards, Joyce Felts, Armatha Hook.
Second row: (left to right) Darrell Irving, Wiladene Shaffer, Carolyn Hammond, Clara Lou Steel, Marilyn Harnish.
Third row: left to right) Jim Mallers, Lowell Elzey, Carl Mason, Barbara Pearson, Junior Kipfer, Merry Waters, Jim Hudging, Dick Hyde, Carl Brown, Mickey Ulmer, Wayne Markley.
Fourth row: Dick Brown, Jean Miller, Diane Brickley, Dick Gilliom.

rades at our annual street fair and made other public performances during the year.

As a concert band, we presented to the public our annual winter concert on January 15. It was at this concert that our school's Alma Mater, which was written by Mr. Schlatter, was first introduced. The Alma Mater was not written to take place of our school song, but it is to serve as a song of school reverence. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Schlatter for this service. Included in our repertoire were "Eroica Overture," "Colonel Boogie," and "Begin the Beguine."

An oboe, a bass clarinet, a sousaphone, sousaphone stands, and an electric tuning machine have been obtained this year to make our band more complete.

Many of our members entered the solo and ensemble contest in which they received superior and excellent ratings. Later the entire band entered the district contest at Hartford City, again receiving superior rating.

On May 24, we made our final appearance, paying our last respect to the Seniors at Commencement.

Yes, our "fifty" in '50 has given us much enjoyment which we shall always remember.

By Jerry D. Miller.

Our marching band led by majorette Joyce Felts

First row: (left to right) Ranice Milton, Norma Lee Reid, Diann Tangeman, Pat Mead, Jane Thoma, Joyce Cup, Gerry Worthman.
Second row: Deni Hefty, Betsy Nell Garrett, Barbara Weaver, Phyllis Courtney, Madlyn Van-Emon, Pat McKinney Doris Moser.
Third row: Ann Elston, Shirley Camp, Marlene Holloway, Carolyn Rudy, Carolyn Grover, Betty Sprunger, Ruth Billingsly, Sharon Sutton.

Girls Glee Club

DIRECTOR

Mrs. Olive M. Grismsley, the director of the Glee Club is known for her versatility and the varied programs that she presents throughout the year. Through her direction, the Club received many honors this year.

"Listen to the Lambs" sing "You'll Never Walk Alone" to "Sylvia" who lives in "The Green Cathedral" by the "Erie Canal," a fairy tale? No. But it might very well be the day's singing schedule for the Girls Glee Club.

This year the club proudly boasts of forty-six members. In organizing the club this fall we chose Doris Moser, president; Janice Houchin, vice president; and Pat Pettyjohn, secretary-treasurer.

During the year we entertained our fathers and friends at a joint meeting of the Kiwanis Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. As the Christmas season approached, many of us blended our voices in carols to entertain various clubs and sororities. To climax the Christmas season we presented our annual Christmas Cantata, "The King of Peace."

At the turn of the new year our thoughts were directed to our second major event,

First row: (left to right) Arlene Mattax, Carol Moser, Pat Pettyjohn, Donna Venis, Ann Markley, Shirley Reiff, Betty Andrews.
Second row: Mary Jo Lounsbury, Carol Faus, Joanie Edris, Joyce Tyndall, Mary Ingmire, Carolyn Bennett, Ruby Rothgeb.
Third row: Mary Anne Heuer, Joan Messick, Carol Heller, Marcia Jump, Mary Jane Taylor, Janice Houchin, Yvonne Whitman.

our annual spring music festival, in which we combined our talents with the Hi-Y Chorus to present a program entitled Spring Rhapsodies. Among our favorite songs for the Festival were Fred Waring's arrangement of "You'll Never Walk Alone," and "If I Could Tell You" by Idabelle Firestone. The program was climaxed with a beautiful cantata "Spring Cometh."

In the state solo and ensemble contest held at Fort Wayne, one of our girls' ensembles won a superior rating which entitled them to go to the All-State Contest held at Indianapolis on March 25. On April 1, the entire Glee Club journeyed to Hartford City to participate in the District Glee and Band Contest.

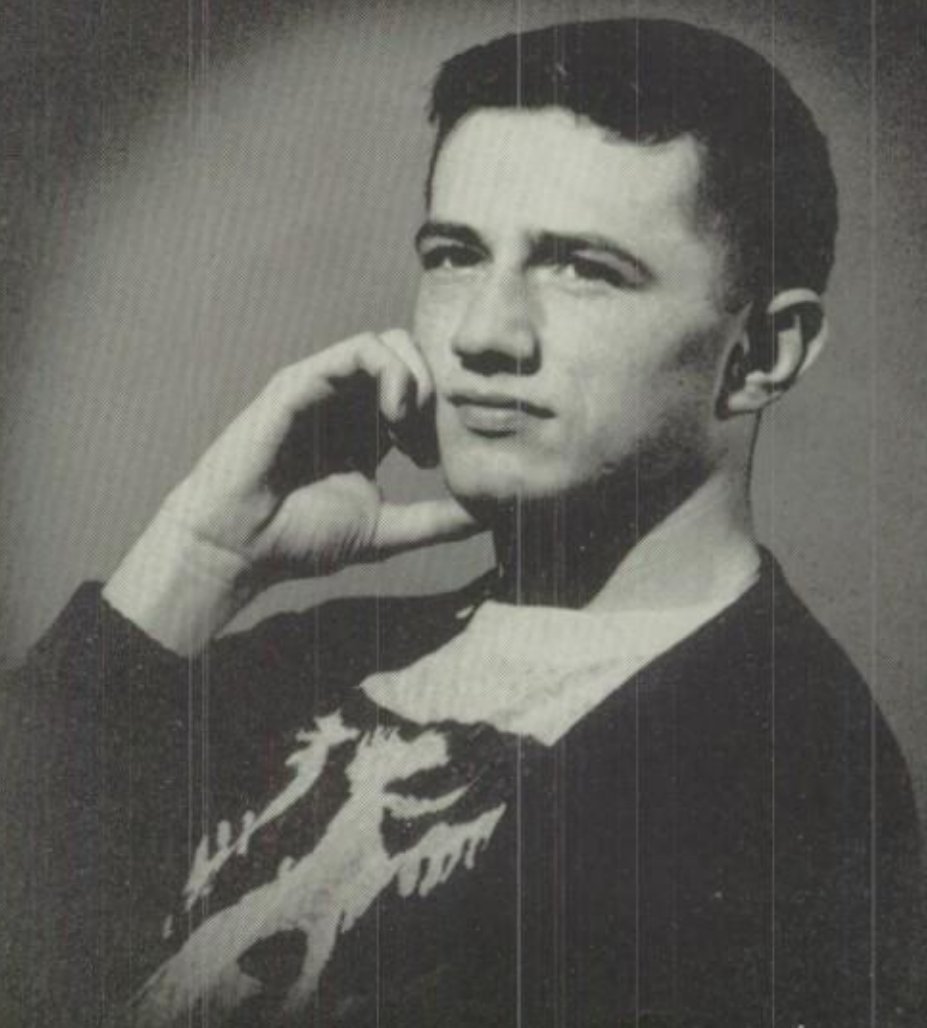
At the end of the school year the girls donned their glee robes to bid their Senior friends farewell at the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises.

This has been an eventful year and to Mrs. Olive Grimsley, our director, we owe our gratitude for the success which we have attained.

By Carol Moser.

Upper: A Senior sextet blending their voices in song. Left to right: Joanie Edris, Betty Sprunger, Mary Jo Lounsbury, Arlene Mattax, Doris Moser, and Gerry Worthman.
Lower: The Freshmen five doing a little harmonizing, accompanied by Sharon Sutton. Left to right: Ann Markley, Barbara Weaver, Jane Thoma, Norma Lee Reid, and Pat McKinney.

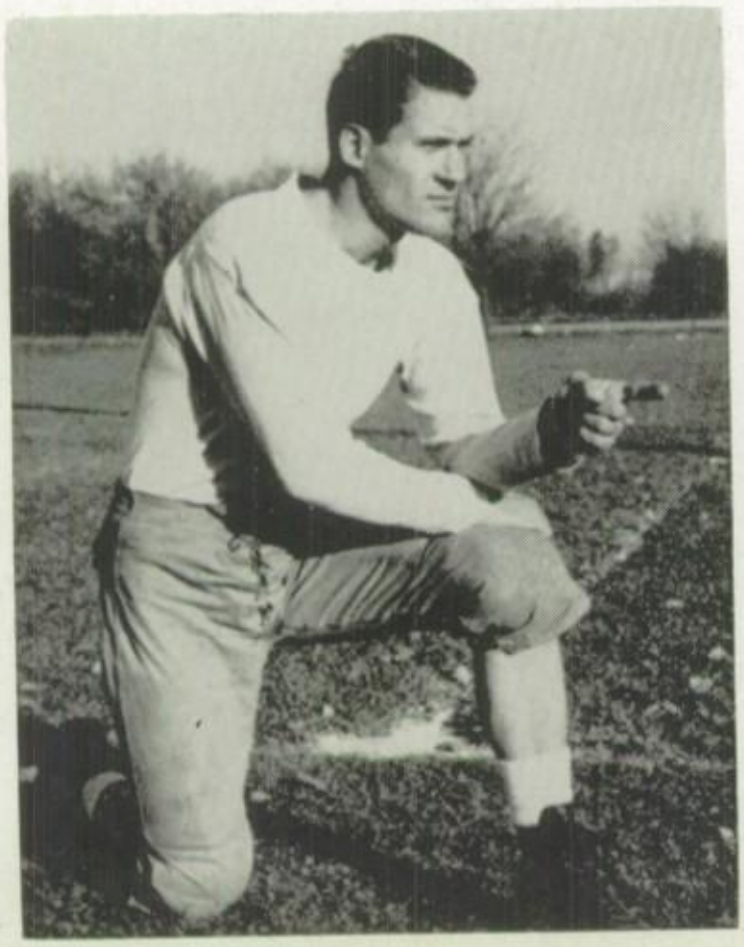
Remember?



First row: (left to right) Coach Dold, Darrell Stultz, Jim Dedrick, Kay Crosbie, Carl Mason, Dave Park, Manager Wendell Mertz, Jerry E. Miller, Stan Nash, Max Brewer, Kent Speheger, Gene Gilliom, Assistant Coach Compton.
Second row: (left to right) Jack Hook, Dick Worthman, Jerry Braun, Chuck Boltin, Bill Moser, Jim Fitzpatrick, Kenny Hedges, Jim Meyer, Bill Johnson, Rem Johnston, Bob Kyle.
Third row: (left to right) Jim Costello, Ned Speheger, Ted Santon, Jim Grove, Joe Knoble, Jim Gregg, Dick Gilliom, Chad High, Doyle Keller, Carl Brown, Chad Fornshell.

Football

COACH DOLD



Tiger gridmen donned their pads and jerseys August 15th under their new mentor Leslie "Les" Dold. They practiced earnestly twice a day for three weeks in preparation for their first game against their arch-rivals, Decatur, on the first day of school.

With only six lettermen forming the nucleus of the starting eleven, lack of experience brought defeat to the Tigers by the hands of the Yellow Jackets of Decatur, 13 to 6.

After being idle for eight days the Tigers played their first home tilt against the powerful South Side team. The Archers' power, speed, and depth proved too much for the diminutive Tigers who were defeated by the convincing score of 57-6.

Next the Tigers journeyed to Auburn with hopes of breaking into the win column soon, but they found a triple-threat back by the name of Barney Beers too much for them and they were set back 37-0.

Defeat was again brought upon the Tigers

Upper left: Caught off guard in the field house before a game are members of the football squad.
Upper right: Don Vore, Dick Magley, and Wendell Mertz, football managers, sort the equipment after the football season is over.

by the well regarded Eagles of Columbia City 53-6.

Journeying to Warsaw the Tigers again tasted defeat by a score of 39-6.

After trailing 13-6 at the half the Tigers came back playing their greatest game of the season to defeat the Garrett Railroaders in their only win of the season 32-13.

The Portland Panthers, next on the Tigers schedule, defeated them 19-13 on the water-logged field of the host Bluffton Tigers.

The Tigers played their final game of the season against New Haven and were defeated 19-13. This was the final game of their high-school career for 14 seniors.

Despite the unimpressive record the boys showed great spirit throughout the campaign.

Auburn, Columbia City, and Warsaw all grabbed a third of the N.E.I.C. football championship as they ended with identical 5 and 1 records. Bluffton finished 4th with a record of one win and five losses.

At the end of the season N. E. I. C. coaches chose three members of the Tigers squad on the All-Conference teams. Considering that 17 of the first 22 came from the co-championship teams, our representation was very good. Gene Gilliom, Tiger back was chosen first string quarterback, Stan Nash was chosen second string end, and Jerry E. Miller, Tiger center, received honorable mention. Gilliom was also voted honorary captain for the year by the lettermen.

With many experienced under-classmen returning to Tiger uniforms next year Coach Dold can look forward with a hope for a fine season.

SEASON'S RECORD

Football

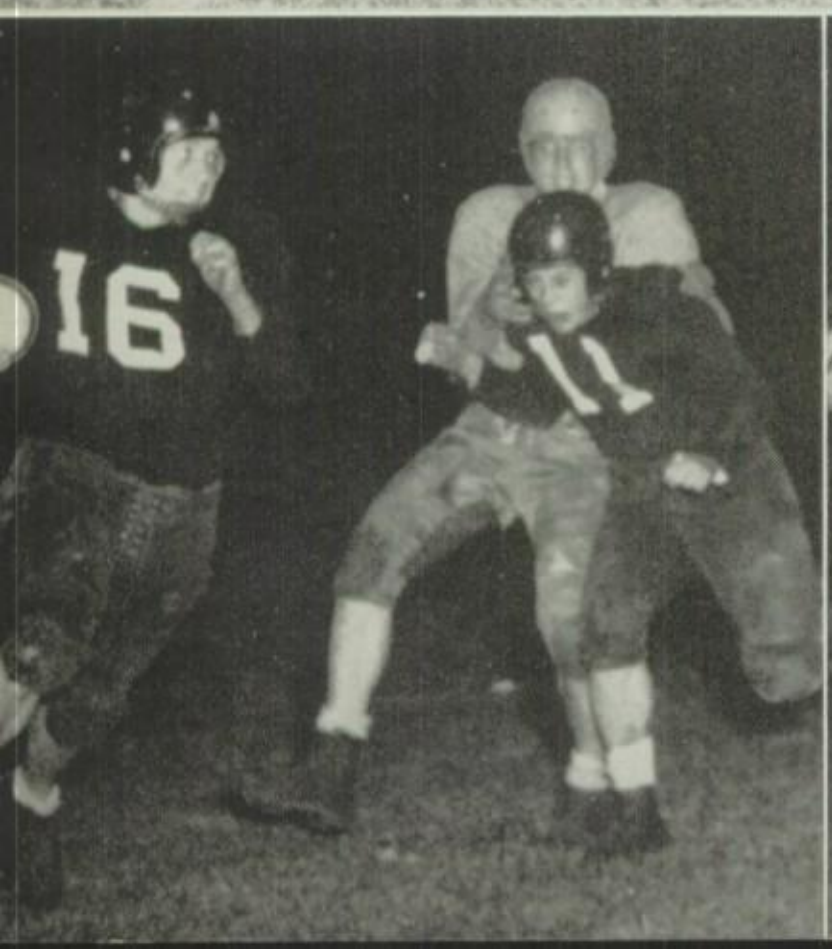
	We	They
Decatur	6	13
South Side	6	53
Auburn	0	37
Columbia City	6	57
Warsaw	6	40
Garrett	32	13
Portland	13	19
New Haven	13	19

Top: A group of Tiger reserves watch intently from the sidelines.

Middle: Brewer is running interference for Mertz, who is attempting an end sweep.

Lower left: Fitzpatrick blocks for Brewer.

Lower right: Brewer blocks for Gene Gilliom.



LETTERMEN

First row:

CHUCK BOLTIN
Tackle
One Stripe

JERRY BRAUN
Half-back
One Stripe

MAX BREWER
Full-back
One Stripe

JIM COSTELLO
Half-back
One Stripe

Second row:

KAY CROSBIE
Guard
One Stripe

JIM DEDRICK
Tackle
One Stripe

JIM FITZPATRICK
Quarter-back
One Stripe

GENE GILLIOM
Half-back
Two Stripes
Captain

Third row:

JIM GROVE
Half-back
One Stripe

KENNY HEDGES
Guard
One Stripe

REM JOHNSTON
Guard
One Stripe

DALE KRINN
Tackle
Two Stripes

Fourth row:

BOB KYLE
Half-back
One Stripe

JERRY MILLER
Center
Two Stripes

BILL MOSER
End
One Stripe

STAN NASH
End
Two Stripes

Below:

DAVE PARK
Guard
One Stripe

TED SANTON
Full-back
One stripe

KENT SPEHEGER
Guard
Two Stripes

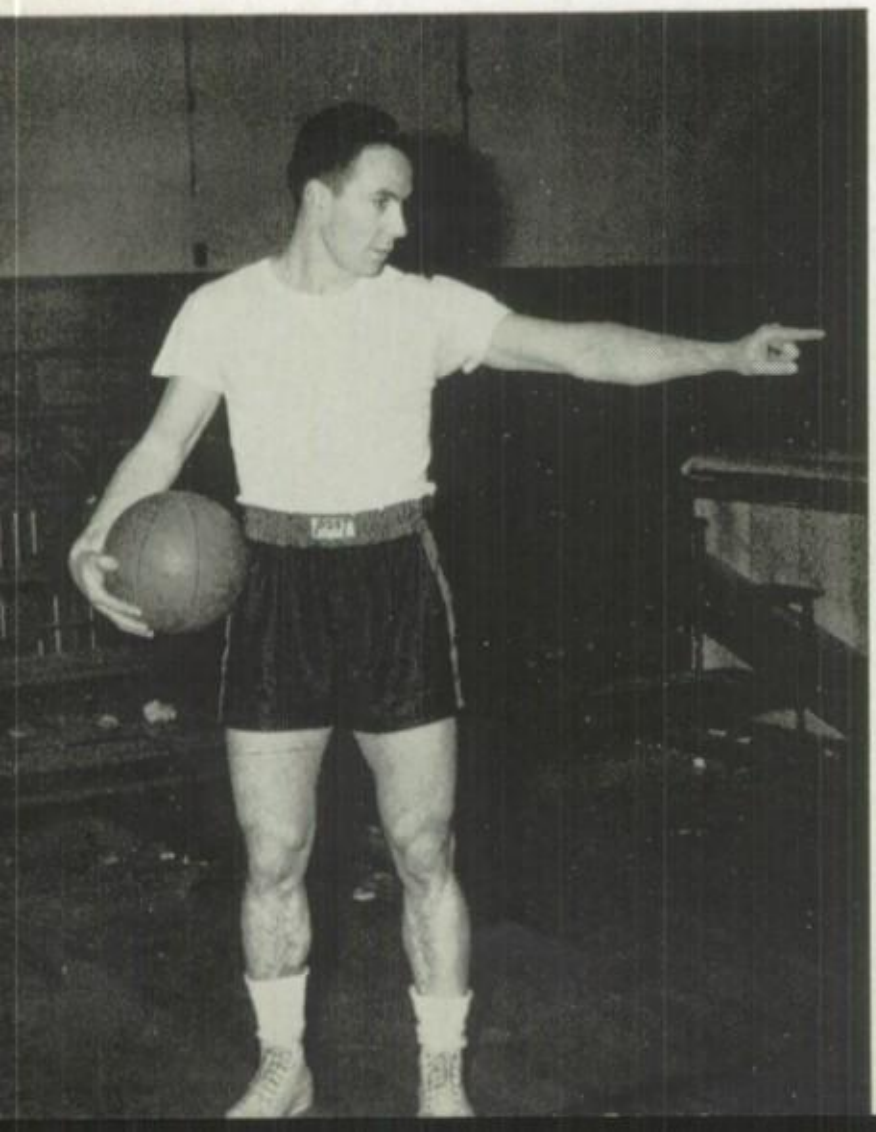
NED SPEHEGER
Center
One Stripe

DICK WORTHMAN
End
One stripe

First row: (left to right) Coaches Les Dold and Leroy Compton.
Second row: Bob Compton, Don Lockwood, Marion Meckstroth, Dick Magley.
Third row: Bill Moser, Ted Santon, Stan Nash, Dick Worthman, George Schlagenhauf, Don Knox, Wendell Mertz, Gene Gilliom.

Basketball

COACH COMPTON



Followers of the Bluffton High School basketball team placed their hopes on seven returning lettermen, several promising underclassmen, and a new coach, Leroy Compton. Under the direction of their new coach and using a new system, the Tigers got off to a rather slow start; but in mid-year caught fire and finished the season with a record of twelve wins and ten losses.

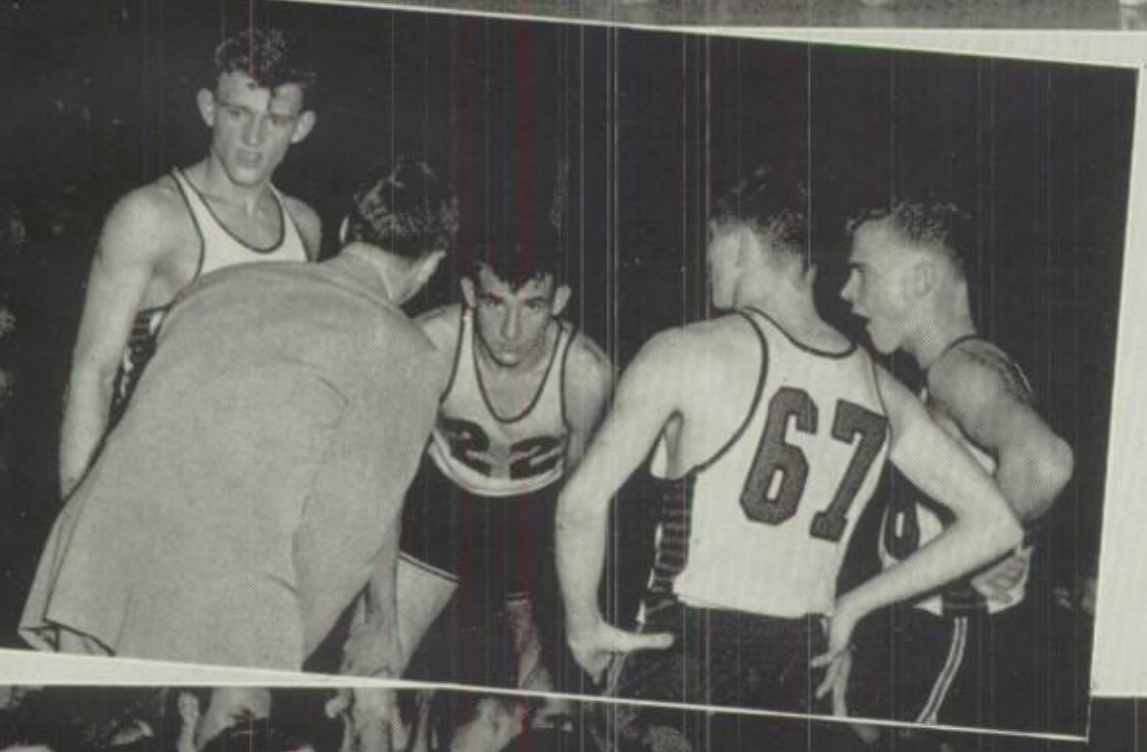
Until the fifth game of the season the Tigers were unable to break into the win column and entered the Holiday Tourney, January second, with an unimpressive record of three wins and six losses. Decided underdogs, the Tigers treked to Decatur where they defeated Berne in the afternoon and the favored Decatur Yellow Jackets in the final game, to win their first Holiday Tourney in seven years.

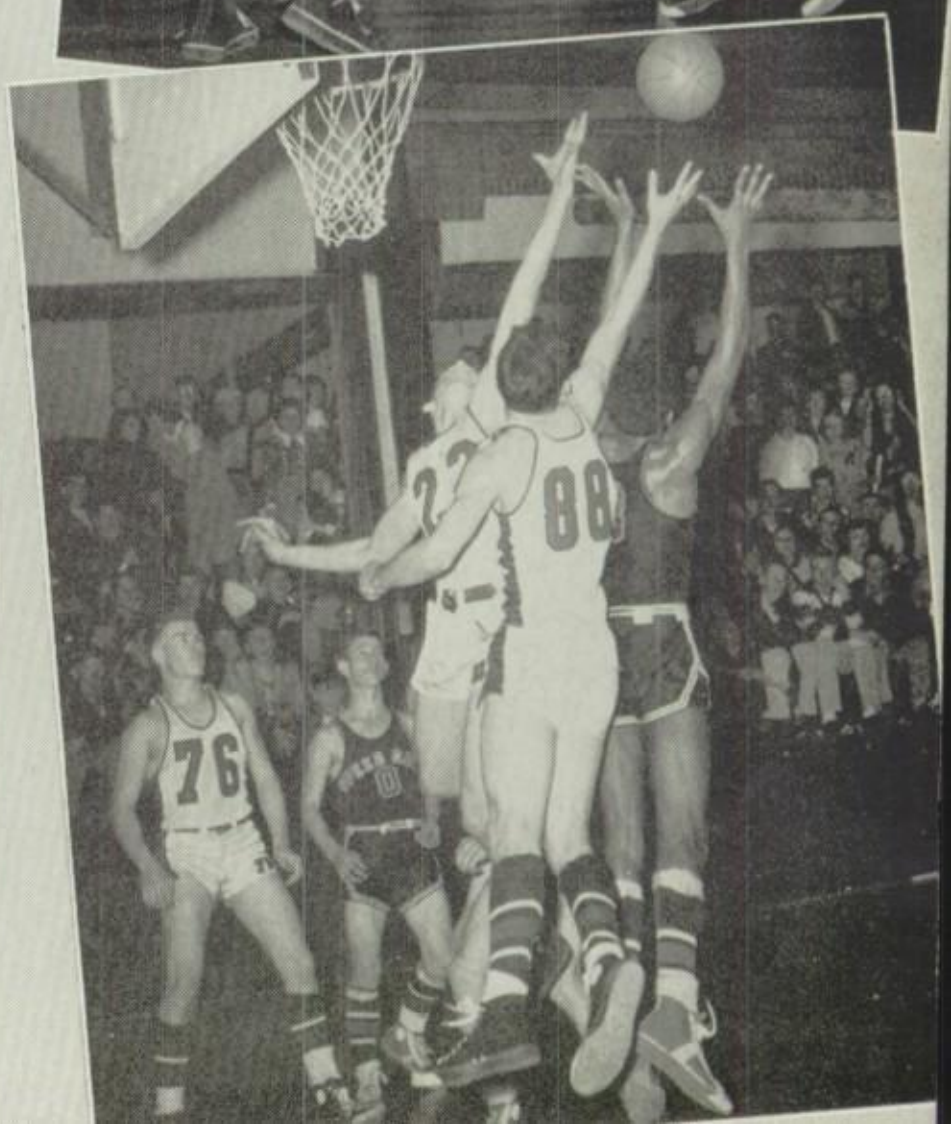
Inspired by their victory in the Holiday

Tourney, the Tigers went on to win six out of seven games in the month of January.

Finishing the season with a record of eleven wins and nine losses, the Tigers looked with high hopes to the oncoming Sectional tourney. Drawing the bye in the first bracket, the Tigers defeated the Ossian Bears forty-eight to thirty. Entering the semi finals the Tigers were defeated by the well-regarded Lancaster Bobcats. Don Lockwood and Gene Gilliom were placed on the all Sectional Team.

Left top: Lockwood struggles with a Decatur player for possesion of a loose ball.
Middle: Coach Compton talks over the situation with the Tiger varsity.
Bottom: Coaches Dold and Compton confer as the Tiger bench watches the progress of the game.
Right top: Gilliom aims for a one-hander as two Ossian men attempt to stop it.
Bottom: Compton and Worthman fight with a Dunkirk player for a rebound as Mertz and another Dunkirk player watch from the background.





Don Lockwood, Bluffton's driving forward, broke the Bluffton High School individual scoring record, scoring two-hundred and seventy-four points, and was among the top conference scorers. He was also elected honorary captain by the members of the team. He was further honored by the coaches and officials of the North Eastern Indiana Conference, by being placed on the All-Conference first team. Bob Compton, defensive ace of the Tigers, was given honorable mention on the Conference team.

The Reserve team finished the season with a respectable record. They showed rebounding strength for the coming years.

The Tiger Freshmen finished with an impressive record of six wins and two losses.

SEASON'S RECORD

	We	They
Portland	32	37
Columbia City	35	48
South Side	25	39
Decatur	41	52
Warren	53	34
Dunkirk	43	56
Huntington Cath.	39	37
Berne	41	29
Winchester	39	53
Blind Berne	37	31
Tourney Decatur	52	51
New Haven	39	29
Hartford City	45	49
Garrett	52	46
Ossian	43	35
Kendallville	42	32
Warsaw	45	46
Decatur	53	48
Central Cath.	45	43
Auburn	47	65

Left: Basketball managers Dave Park and Kay Earhart getting ready for a game on the road.
Right: Dr. Blackman, Mr. Templin, and Mr. Larmore discussing the season sport schedules.

LETTERMEN

First row:

DON LOCKWOOD
Forward
Two Stripes

MARION MECKS-TROTH
Forward
One Stripe

STAN NASH
Guard
Two Stripes

Second row:

DON KNOX
Guard
One Stripe

WENDELL MERTZ
Guard
Three Stripes

GENE GILLIOM
Guard
Three Stripes

Third row:

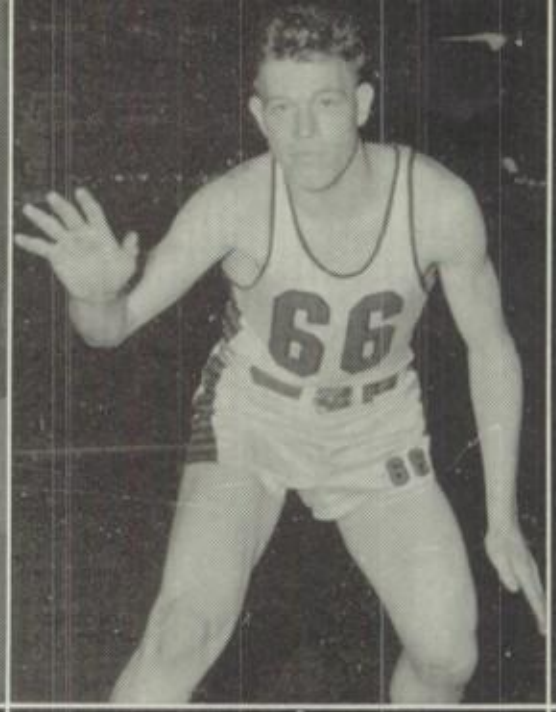
BOB COMPTON
Forward
Two Stripes

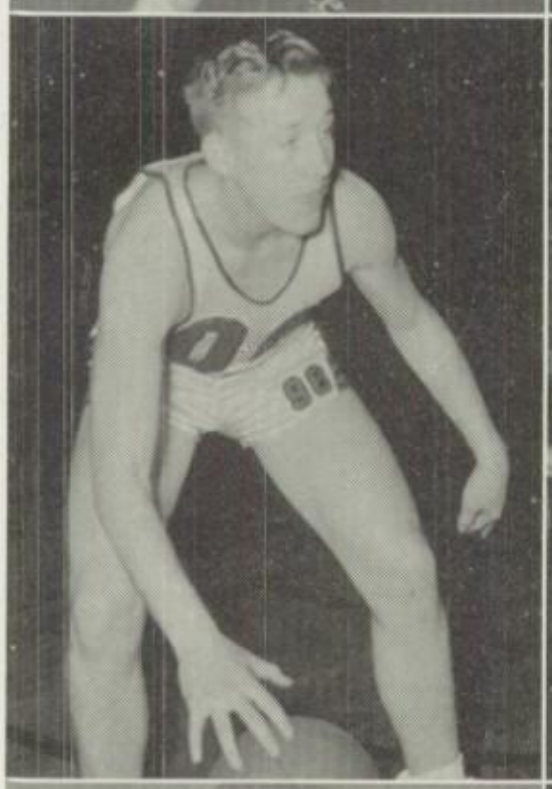
DICK MAGLEY
Forward
One Stripe

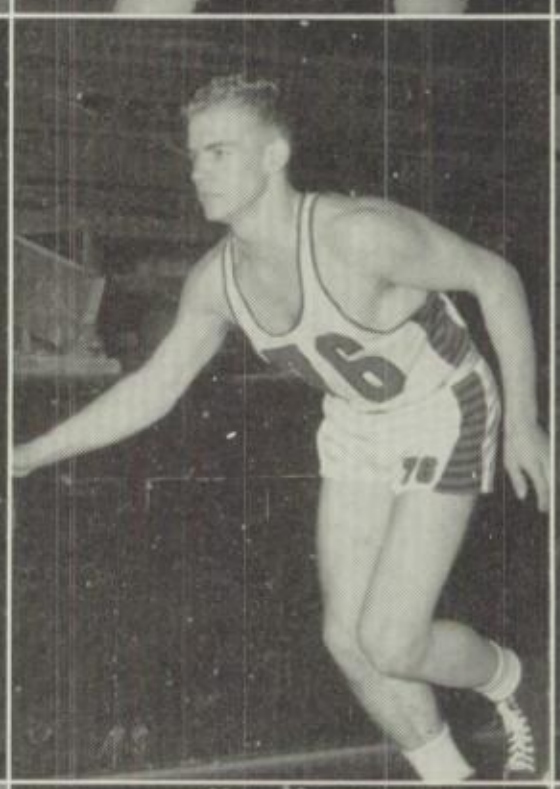
DICK WORTHMAN
Center
Two Stripes

GEORGE SCHLAGENHAUF
Center
Two Stripes

YELL LEADERS
Bluffton's inspiring quartette of yell leaders, Flossie Steffen, Judy Irish, Gerry Worthman, and Betty Sprunger cheer the Tigers on at a pep-session.







First row: (left to right) Jerry Braun, Jim Grove, Dick Holsinger, Jim Meyer, Jim Fitzpatrick, Jim Costello.

Second row: Ned Speheger, Jim Gregg, Dick Gilliom, Chad Fornshell, Fred Nickel, Don Wenger, Russell Hay.

B-Team

The Bluffton High School reserve team finished the season with a respectable record. They showed a lot of fight and spirit and will provide Coach Compton with ample material for next year's squad. The boys on the team were all rangy and should provide rebounding strength in coming years.

Intramurals

As in the past, eight seniors were chosen as captains for the 49-50 intramural campaign. Nash's Kigmies were undefeated and emerged victorious in the first round. Kyle's Lower Slobovians and Sweeny's Eagles tied for top honors of the second round. Kyle's team, winning the playoff, defeated Kigmies in an overtime tilt to win the crown.

Intramural Captains: (left to right) Bill Crandall, Jerry E. Miller, Bob Kyle, Kay Crosbie, Paul Sweeny, Dale Krinn, Dave Park, Stan Nash.

Track

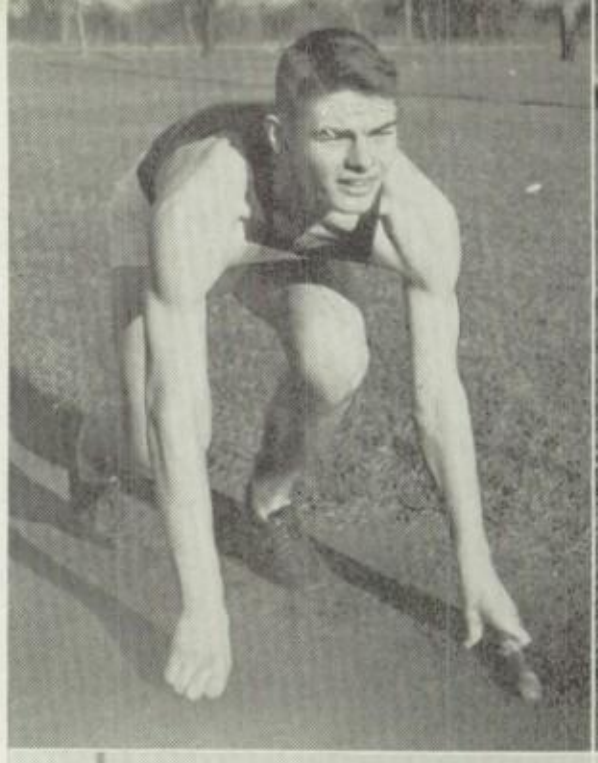
The Tigers of forty-nine had one of their most successful seasons of recent years. They won four of their six regular meets, and scored in the Muncie and Kokomo relays. They also scored in the Conference and Sectional meets.

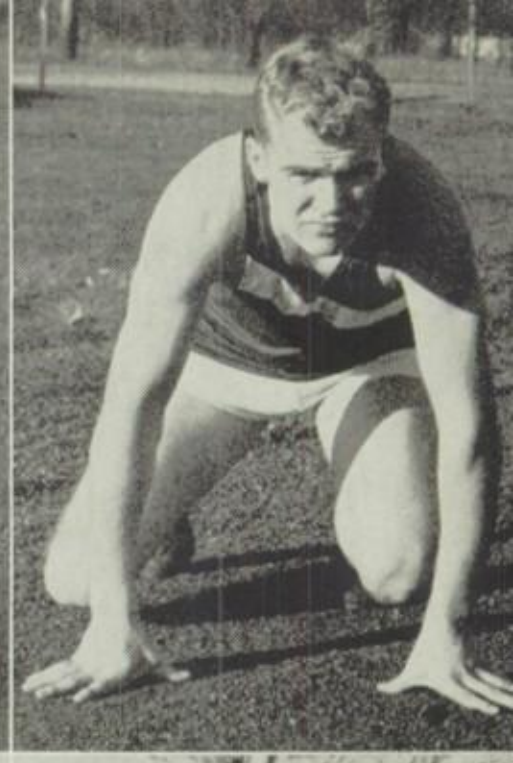
Dick Magley, Tiger distance runner, broke the Sectional record in the mile run and tied in Conference half-mile record.

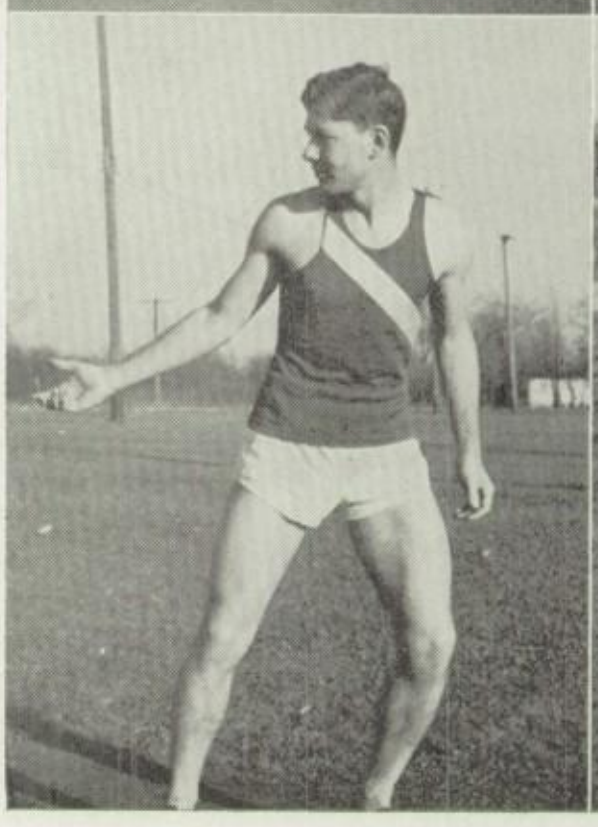
With four returning lettermen and several promising under-classmen, the Tigers are hoping to have an equally successful season in fifty.

SEASON'S RECORD

Bluffton	90	
Dunkirk	19	
Bluffton	63	
Royerton	32	
Montpelier	20	
Bluffton	61	1/6
Decatur	48	5/8
Berne	21	
Bluffton	82	
Hartford City	27	
Muncie Relays	5	
Columbia City	51	
Bluffton	49	
Central Ft. Wayne	98	
Huntington	24	1/5
Bluffton	12	4/5
Kokomo Relays	7	
Conference	19	1/2
Sectional	9	







LETTERMEN

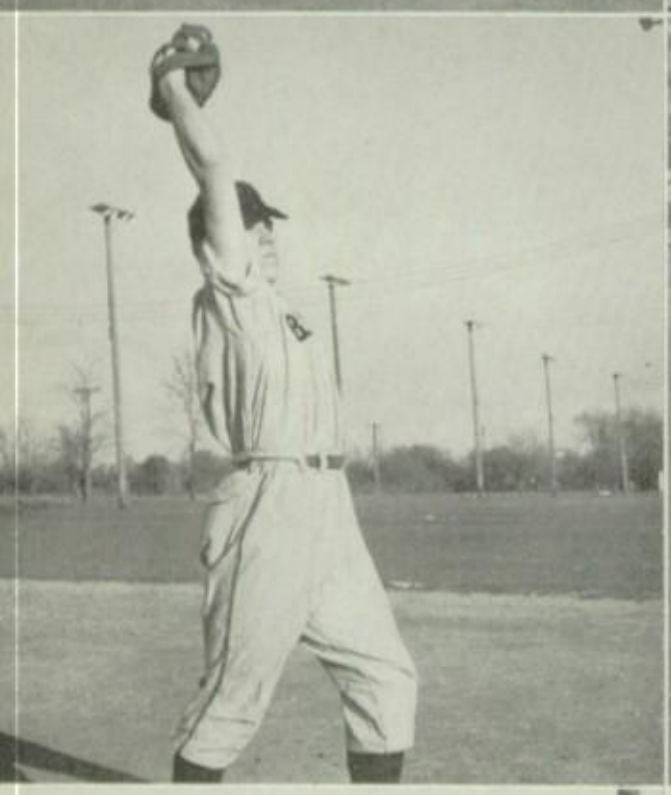
KAY EARHART
Quartermiler, Mile Relay
One Stripe

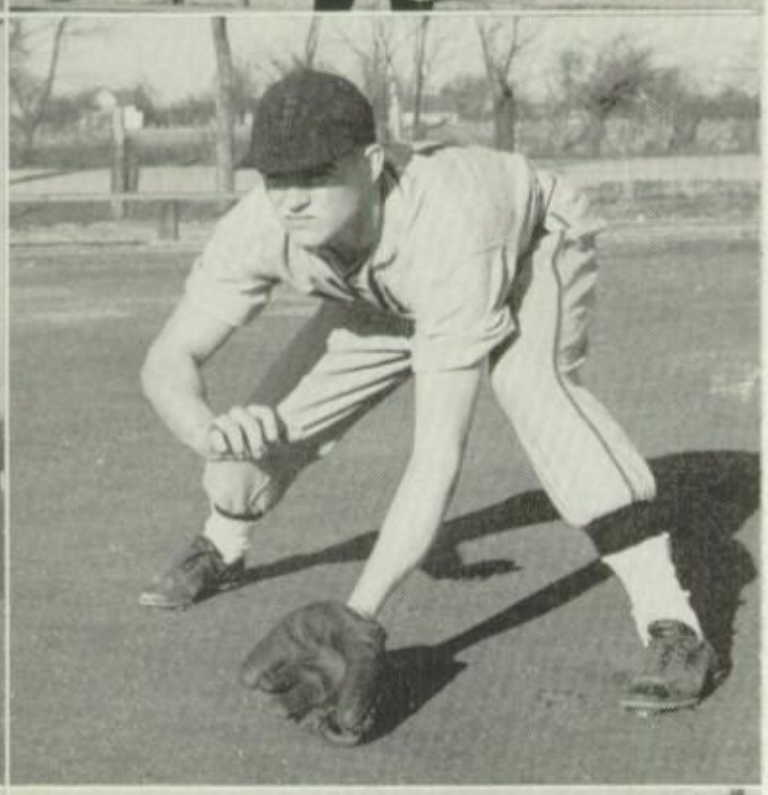
WENDELL MERTZ
High Jump, Low Hurdles, Shot Put
One Stripe

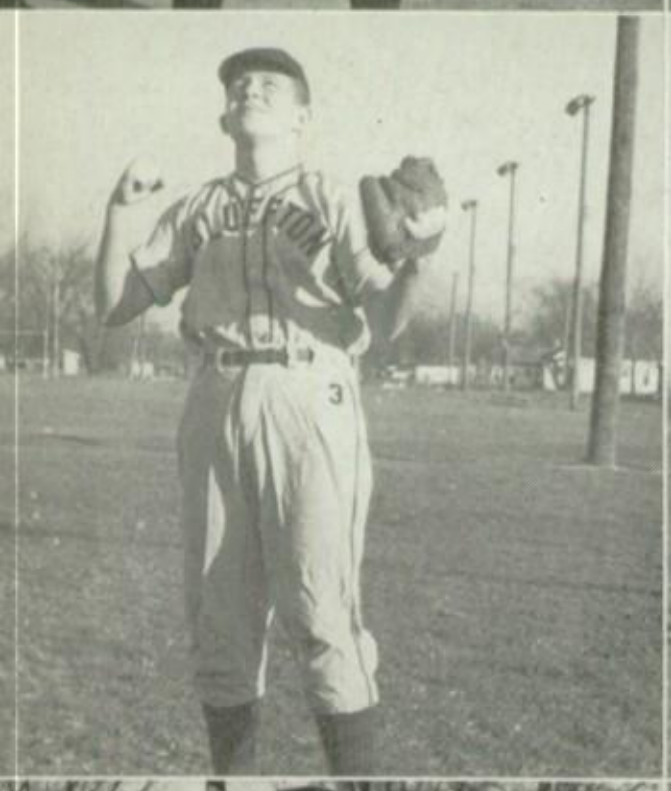
STAN NASH
Quartermiler, Mile Relay, High Jump
One Stripe

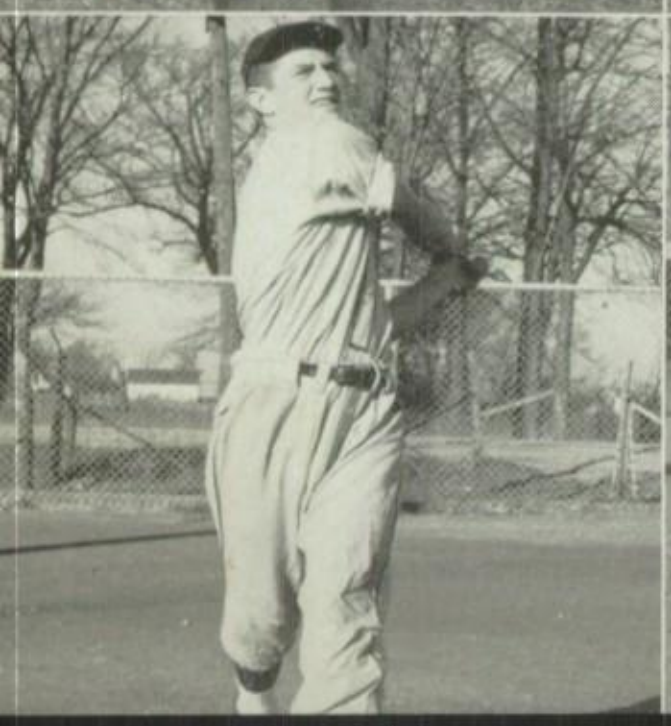
DICK MAGLEY
Mile, Half-Mile, Mile Relay
Three Stripes

Left: Magley breaks the tape after winning another mile.
Middle: Nash clears the bar.
Right: Mertz goes over for first place.
Bottom: Earhart starting in the mile relay against Huntington and Central.









Baseball

The nineteen-forty-nine baseball team which was mostly composed of underclassmen, showed signs of ability despite the fact that they were unable to win a game.

The Tigers who were never defeated by too great a margin showed great improvement toward the end of the season.

With eight returning lettermen, the Tigers have great hopes of a winning season in '50.

SEASON'S RECORD

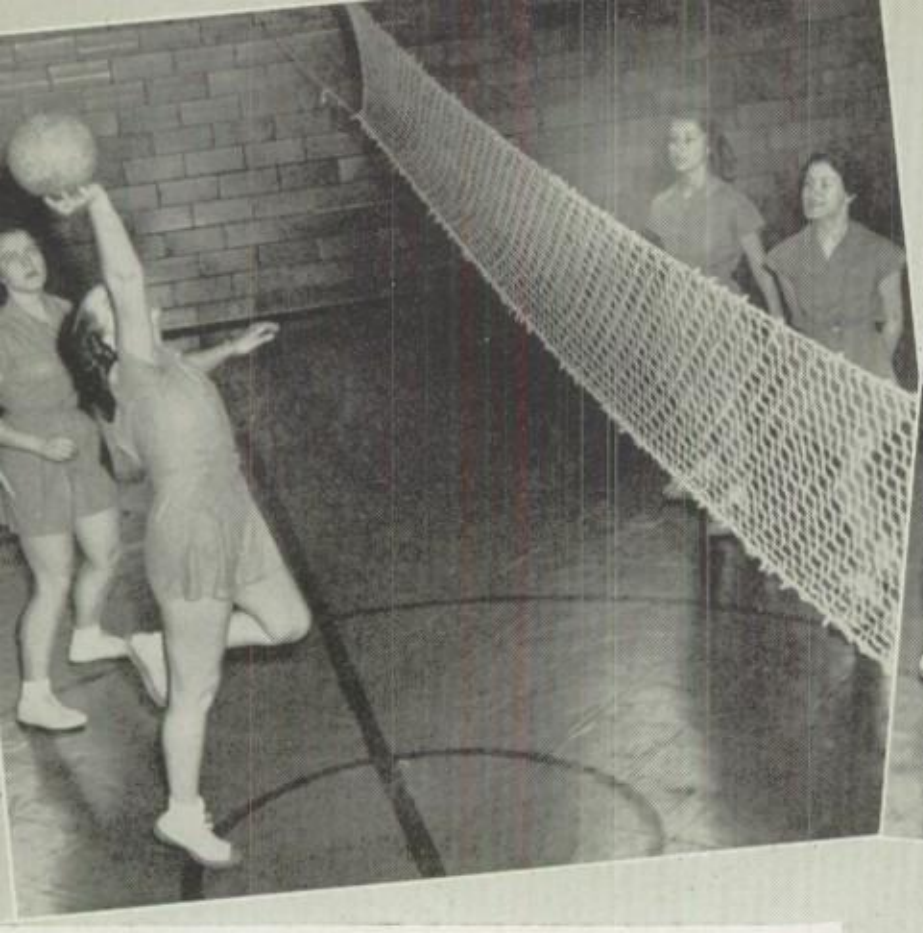
	We	They
Berne	0	9
New Haven	2	3
Warsaw	0	9
Decatur	3	5
Dunkirk	9	12
Berne	6	13
Decatur	8	11

LETTERMEN

Left (top to bottom): Stan Nash—First base; Jim Grove—Pitcher; Ted Santon—Outfielder; Gene Gilliom—Third base.

Right (top to bottom). Bob Kyle—Second base; Wendell Mertz—Shortstop; Kent Speheger—Outfielder; Jerry E. Miller—Catcher.

Lower: Our baseball managers, Dick French and Bill Langel work together with Charlie Smith, track manager, in the Spring sports.

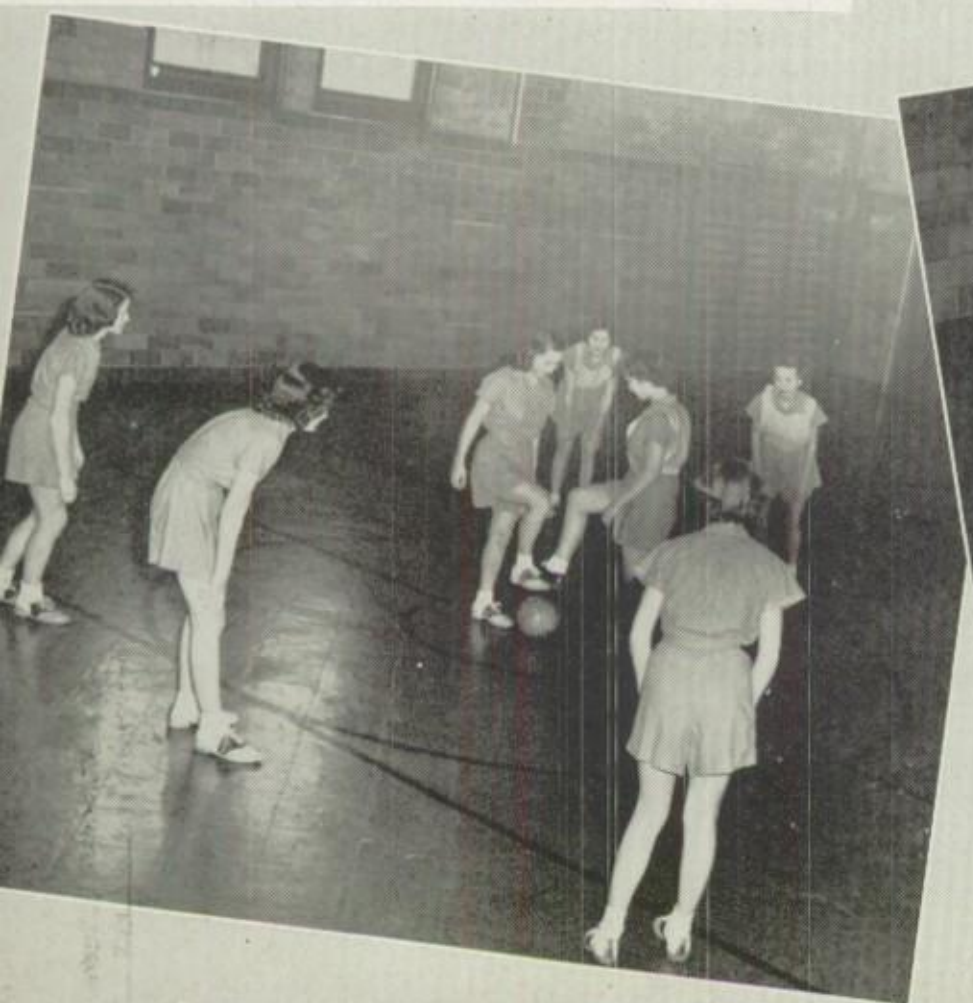


G.A.A.

"GAA after school today"—a regular Wednesday morning announcement. Evelyn Stoller, president of the club, has been influential in increasing girls' sports activities and developing for them a true understanding of sportsmanship.

This year the GAA cup was presented for the first time to the outstanding Senior girl athlete. The recipient of this cup must have been a member of GAA for at least three years, and must have participated in six major and two minor sports.

Top: Get that ball Kay . . . Swing your partner . . . Right: The referee calls it safe . . . Bottom: Getting ready for a rough game of Socker . . . Bottoms up!



Remember

Top row (left to right): My, those fans must be thirsty; reloading again! . . . Chad tells a good one to his teammates while eating at the Bliss after the game . . . Do all the book store customers get those smiles, girls? . . . Fellas, we can't believe that bowling score either, but Larry don't look so down hearted—maybe someday?

Middle row: What a nice spring day will do to a gal . . . Don't worry kids, they're not men from Mars, just Hi-Y initiation survivors . . . Bewildered Frosh meet up with the Retro photographer . . . Hey Ernie, hands off! He is Maggie's property.

Bottom row: Wabash Four hit the highs and lows . . . You're in for life L'l George; Sadie Carol Hawkins done caught up with ya . . . True love—huh, Mary Jane and Dave? . . . Hot stuff in the making.

WE SHALL REMEMBER

We shall remember the friendliness of desks
and school on rainy days,
Sound of bells and then
the rush to class;
Library tables, nudges,
and glances askance;
The chemistry fumes--
and all the turned-up noses.
We won't forget the midnight hours before exams,
and failure? or success?
The grind of studies
and those welcome convocations;
The thrills and trials
which come with play rehearsals;
Laughter through the hallways
and class room chats—
All these and many more we shall remember
When we have turned and finally closed the door.

BLUFFTON HIGH

THROUGH THE YEARS.